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Torres vows to work with EPA to bring CUC into compliance

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Gov. Ralph DLG Torres held a conference call with U.S. Environmental Protection Agency

officials last Friday over ongoing issues with the local utility related to non-compliance with federal court stipulated orders, *Saipan Tribune* learned.



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Demapan eyes penalties for coral reef harm

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Demapan

Rep. Angel Demapan (R-Saipan) has introduced a bill aimed at protecting the CNMI's coral reefs through recovery of monetary damages from vessel groundings and anchoring-related injuries, destructive fishing practices, and non-permitted taking of threatened species.

House Bill 19-179, or the "Coral Reef Protec-

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JON PEREZ

Kensington Hotel Saipan president Myung Wook "Matthew" Park, right, joins, from right, Division of Parks and Recreation director Eli Cabrera, Saipan and Northern Islands Municipal Council vice chair Alice Igitol, H&H Construction's Herman P. Sablan, and MDA Enterprise president Abul Bashar in preparing to cut the ribbon in yesterday's ceremony at the Pau Pau Beach Park.

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E-Land Group and Kensington Hotel officials held a ribbon-cutting ceremony for the Pau Pau Beach Park, a sort of a warm-up event for the Korean-based

conglomerate's opening of its flagship project on Saipan. The former Nikko Hotel Saipan and Palm Resort Saipan officially re-opens today under E-Land's known brand of luxury hotels.

Kensington, after months of delay, formally opens at 5:30pm

today with E-Land rebranding the former Palms Resort. The ceremony will be held at the hotel lobby area.

This was part of E-Land's Stage 1 project for its Saipan master plan that included adding features to Coral Ocean

Point and Pacific Islands Club, two other hotels they own. Kensington Saipan carries a marine cruise team since the existing structure is shaped like a cruise ship.

Kensington Hotel president
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Blanco: SARC needs a point person

Student Attendance Review Committee chair John Blanco is hoping that the CNMI State Board of Education would hire or appoint full-time staff that would act as the group's point person since all of the members are volunteers.

Going out and finding ways on how to get students who are having a hard time going to school to attend their classes is SARC's primary task. Their members are all volunteers. Public Law 16-47, or the Juvenile Justice Act, created the committee but it is placed under the BOE.

Blanco has submitted SARC's report to the BOE where he is hoping officials would consider their suggestion of appointing more members since they are short in manpower.

"We are an organization made up of volunteers and we have a lot on our plate. We don't have a person that would set up the meetings and would make the calls reminding us to attend," said Blanco, who is also Mt. Carmel School's athletic director.

SARC, in their report, has recommended to the BOE to



Students Attendance Review Committee chair John Blanco delivers his brief report about the concerns they reported to the CNMI State Board of Education in last week's BOE membership meeting at the Napu Room of the Pacific Islands Club Saipan.

appoint more members coming from the Attorney Gen-

eral's Office, the Department of Justice, and Public School

System counselors to help them with the task.

"As we all know, with volunteers, there going to be those individuals that are not going to be able to make it to every meeting. That's fine, but we have a huge task. We have a lot of work out there and I believe that we're falling short on the things that we need to do," said Blanco.

He added that failing to do their task would mean more students would continue to fall behind or fail with their classes. "And we don't want that to happen."

BOE member Marylou S. Ada suggested to Blanco that SARC should collaborate with the Community Guidance Center and see what assistance they could give.

"That is one thing that we probably need, as well as having a dedicated member within the Public School System to help us out with that. Since [SARC] is a volunteer organization, most of us when we're done with the meeting, we're really done and we're going to do our regular things," said Blanco.

"We do need to reach out to these organizations [like the

CGC]. But we're still young and we just started in January 2014. There are a lot of things that need to be addressed that's why we also need the help from others so we could make things successful," he added.

BOE chair Herman T. Guerrero said they are working with Education Commissioner Dr. Rita A. Sablan to see how they could add more members to the committee headed by Blanco. "I know SARC has requested they need a full-time staff and we're working with the commissioner on that."

"In terms of adding more members to SARC, I want to make sure the committee would work because it would involve other government officials from other agencies to be members of this committee," said Guerrero, who added that SARC has been meeting regularly.

"[SARC] is relatively new and we have to make sure there's no impediment in appointing additional members to cover areas and other concerns of the committee. We're going to study the report and look into it and we'll get back to you," Guerrero told Blanco.

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Ogumoro wants governing board for hospital

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Rep. Felicidad Ogumoro (R-Saipan) has introduced a bill to repeal and reenact parts of law that created the Com-

CNMI lone territory chosen for Impact Project

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The CNMI was chosen to participate in the Impact Project, which would support U.S. states and territories in developing and implementing early childhood projects. The CNMI was the lone U.S. territory selected to join eight other states for the program.

The Impact Project is open to all 50 states and five territories with recipients selected through a competitive application process. All applicants have “diverse contexts, geographies, and points” in advancing their respective quality childcare programs.

The CNMI joins the states of Colorado, Florida, Georgia, Indiana, New Hampshire, North Dakota, Oregon, and South Carolina in the program, which is part of the new Early Childhood Training and Technical Assistance System.

The administration of Gov.

monwealth Healthcare Corp. as well as establish a governing board of trustees to manage and control its operations, functions, and activities.

House Bill 19-186 allows for a transition period of six

Ralph DLG Torres said the Child Care and Development Fund—one of the nine divisions under the Department of Community and Cultural Affairs—would be the recipient of the Impact Project, which offers intensive consultation and assistance from well-regarded experts.

The experts offer their knowledge on extensive and state-based early childhood development programs free of charge in an 18-month of four-year period.

“As a result of the Impact Project, state early childhood systems leaders should be able to successfully strengthen systems building for effective high-impact services that can improve outcomes for children and families,” said Torres in a statement.

“The purpose of the Impact Project is to assist states as they develop and expand their capacity for planning, investing in, and implementing quality early childhood systems,

months from the date the board of trustees is fully organized, where the CHCC’s chief executive officer will continue to carry out the powers of the corporation and the board for a “smooth transition

policies, and practices.”

The CCDF “assists low-income families in accessing quality childcare for children while parent’s work or participate in education or job training.”

The CNMI, under the Impact Project, aims to focus in creating comprehensive strategies in developing its workforce and increase supplies for infant and toddler care.

The Child Care State Capacity Building Center, which launched the Impact Project in March of this year, will work with officials of states and territories in creating new systems and programs to improve childcare within families.

According to childcareta.acf.hhs.gov, the SCBC “focuses on enhancing the effectiveness of programs implemented under the Child Care and Development Fund, improving the quality and supply of infant-toddler services, and advancing the development of early childhood systems.”

and transfer” of management. CHCC’s chief executive officer will report directly to this board, under the bill.

Per the bill, the governor, with advice and consent of the Senate, will appoint the five-member board of trustees.

One trustee will be from Rota, one from Tinian, and three trustees will be from Saipan.

The bill also lists requirements for trustees including that they not be convicted of a crime in or outside the CNMI, must have at least a bachelor’s

degree from an accredited U.S. post-secondary institution, and five years of management and supervisory experience in the government or private sector, among others.

The board’s initial members will serve staggered terms.

Through drawing of lots, three trustees will serve four-year terms and two will serve a six-year term.

The bill notes that the sitting advisory board of trustees shall cease to exit when the bill becomes law, but adds that the governor may re-appoint a sitting advisory board of trust-

ees to serve as a trustee under the new law.

The bill also goes on to list top management positions in the hospital and lists their requirements and also establishes a “Healthcare Operations Fund,” which will be managed by the hospital’s chief financial officer and will be separate and apart from the general fund and will be where the CFO will deposit all moneys or funds received the corporation, including appropriations.

The bill says all operational expenses, including debts, will be paid from this fund.



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Torres, Hocog make new appointments to college, hospital board

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Gov. Ralph DLG Torres and Lt. Gov. Victor Hocog have made some recent appointments to the local hospital's advisory board as well as the Board of Regents for the Northern Marianas College.

Hocog, as acting governor, in a July 18 letter, appointed Julian Calvo, from Rota, to serve as member of the Commonwealth Healthcare Corp. Board of Trustees. The appointment



Torres

requires the advice and consent of the Senate and if confirmed, Calvo will serve a four-year term expiring in 2019.

Torres also, in a July 16 letter, appointed Michael

Evangelista of Saipan to serve as a member of NMC's Board of Regents, a position that is also subject to advice and consent from the Senate.

If confirmed, Evangelista will serve immediately and his term will expire in May 2020.

"I am confident that Mr. Evangelista will devote his

time and efforts on this important board," Torres wrote in another July 16 letter to Senate President Frank Borja (Ind-Tinian). "His appointment and subsequent confirmation by the CNMI Senate will allow our is-

lands' primary institution of post-secondary education the support necessary to provide high-quality, affordable and accessible education programs and services for the individual and people of the Commonwealth."

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Myung Wook "Matthew" Park, who is also Coral Ocean's general manager, said this represents E-Land's presence on Saipan. "Expect our continued support and it has been our pleasure to always help the community."

Pau Pau Beach Park

Park led the ribbon-cutting ceremony of the beach park yesterday that was also attended by E-Land Foundation and Global Corporate Social Responsibility Center assistant officer Jieun Ko, Kensington assistant human resources manager and CSR head Debra Inos, Coral Ocean HR supervisor Marge Binuya, Division of Parks and Recreation director Eli Cabrera, Saipan and Northern Islands Municipal Council vice chair Alice Igitol, H&H Construction's Herman P. Sablan, and MDA Enterprise president Abul Bashar.

E-Land has been adopting several areas and facilities on Saipan as part of its CSR campaign and corporate management philosophy. The Unai Dangkulo Beach Park near Coral Ocean's 18th hole, the 13 Fishermen Monument, and Minatchom Atdao are the other projects that are either ongoing or done.

"We thank CNMI government officials that allowed us to renovate and repair these facilities. We expect to receive the continued support of the various government agencies with our other projects here on Saipan," said Park.

E-Land's appeal to community

That's why Inos and Binuya made a heartfelt plea to the community to help them in taking care of the facilities that they have adopted on Saipan. Kensington is in charge of cleaning and maintenance at Pau Pau, while Coral Ocean has Unai Dangkulo.

Inos said this is a testament of E-Land's commitment in doing its share to help the community most specially in developing the northern side of Saipan. "The northern side to [have] a sustainable environment and safe infrastructure for our community and tourist visitors to enjoy."

"Kensington has adopted Pau Pau Beach that's why we're appealing to the community to help us in maintaining the facilities and keeping the area clean," said Inos.

Repairing and repainting of the five pavilions, tables, benches, barbecue pits, and fences, creating a children's playground from recycled materials, and constructing additional benches are the projects they have done at the Pau Pau Beach Park.

Over at Unai Dangkulo Beach Park, Coral Ocean Golf Resort constructed a parking area, built six new benches and three barbecue pits, and repainted the existing three pavilions. It opened to the public last December.

Binuya, however, was saddened that some people who use their adopted facility don't take good care of it especially during weekdays. "People leave their trash at the pavilion or at the beach. As much

as possible, we appeal to the public, to carry their trash after they use the facility."

"Coral Ocean Golf Resort staff and personnel do cleanups every week and we collect the trash other people leave behind. We're in charge of the maintenance but I hope the community would do their share," Binuya added.

Eco warriors

Inos said that they would also go to various schools on the island to recruit members for its Environment Youth Alliance. This is Kensington CSR's intention of having school students as partners in keeping the facilities that they adopted clean.

"We plan to conduct presentations to various schools to show the youth on how they could help in keeping our beaches clean and how they could help in various environmental projects," added Inos.

"They can help in other areas and in environmental projects that we plan to accomplish. This is all part of E-Land's environmental protection program."

Tourism infrastructure development

Ko said E-Land has other plans that are on its developmental stage especially in the northern part of Saipan. She said that this was part of E-Land's dedication for environmental protection and tourism infrastructure development.

"We have done the research on how to develop some of the infrastructure in the northern part of the island. Vandalism is a seri-

ous issue so we ask everyone to keep the facilities and the area clean," said Ko.

"We're looking how to further develop the tourists sites in the north like Bird Island Lookout, Banzai Cliff, and others. That's why we are really requesting the community to help us in maintaining the facilities."

She also said that Kensington plans to add bathrooms at Pau Pau Beach Park but they are still waiting for clearance from concerned government agencies since they have to fix the old water pipes and install new ones.

She said that Kensington employees will have beach cleanups every Saturday from the hotel's beach side to the Pau Pau Beach Park. "We want to involve all of our employees to community service and taking care of the environment."

"This pavilion belongs to the community and [fixing it up] is our way of saying that we are a good neighbor to society. We are here to grow with the CNMI and its people," said Park.

Park added that they also took into consideration the security of the public who will use the facility.

"We will take care of the facilities here but we are also asking the public to do their share. We're also discussing security measures for the public's safety," he added.

"This is for the whole community to use. I encourage everyone to protect it and enjoy spending your time with your family and friends. We must celebrate but we must also maintain its cleanliness," Park added.

damage or anchoring occurs within a marine preserve and an additional \$1,500 if occurring on a threatened coral species listed under the Endangered Species Act.

It also creates a Coral Reef Restoration Fund where damages recovered will be deposited into and will pay for administrative costs for BECQ and the pay for the restoration, rehabilitation, and replacement of injured or destroyed corals reefs or other natural resources, among other outreach program and projects.

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The meeting included discussions over the threat of federal receivership, among others, and concern over chief engineer John Riegel's job safety after Commonwealth Utilities Corp. officials last week sued him over an amendment contract they signed but said they did not approve of over certain provisions.

Multiple sources said EPA have been informed of Riegel's situation and that the agency has noted concerns about the role that Riegel plays in overseeing many of the federal grants to the utility under EPA.

Saipan Tribune gathered that CUC officials did not partake in the Friday meeting.

"The governor has been in communication with U.S. EPA regarding the ongoing stipulated orders and their concerns over management positions at CUC," the Torres administration told *Saipan Tribune* yesterday. "In the conversation, the governor expressed an interest to work alongside EPA officials to bringing CUC into compliance as soon as possible."

The administration sent a series of questions on the meeting but official details so far are scant. Torres flew off-island this weekend to attend the GOP National Convention in Cleveland, Ohio.

House minority leader Ramon Tebuteb (Ind-Saipan), who says he had conversation with the governor on the EPA call, says CUC may be trying their best "but the system that is in place seems not to be in compliance."

"The reason why is obvious. The stipulated orders are obvious. You cannot ignore that."

In a recent CUC board meeting, board director Eric San Nicolas dismissed the EPA concerns on vacant management positions as "highly opinionated."

"The next step is how to solve this," Tebuteb went on to say. "Because it doesn't seem to be entertained by the board members."

Tebuteb wants some degree of assurance on the state of utility, not only for the EPA, but for everyone across the system especially customers.

He wants an assuring message so that people "are not in suspense and worry" over their utility.

"It's not fair for the hard-working people at CUC who are doing their job, because this issue on stipulated orders are management" ones, he said. "It's not the people who are there who are the backbone" of CUC. "The stipulated order [ties into] management presentation, or lack of management presentation, or which is really understanding the issue."

On CUC's suing of Riegel, Tebuteb said, "That may be their rightful process but that's aggravated the issue, not fixed it. Instead of really looking for a resolution, it becomes a little defensive."

In a May letter to CUC, EPA essentially said that CUC had limited its search for its top executive director position to local outlets despite promises made to expand personnel searches off-island, and that lengthy vacancies in three of eight senior management were "adversely impacting operations."

The EPA said that CUC had "not voiced a plausible strategy for filling these positions."

In their June response, CUC disagreed and suggested that EPA's minimum qualification requirements for utility manager posts were "extremely rigid" and should be "modified."

In May, CUC acting executive director Gary Camacho fired without cause former chief financial officer Matt Yaquinto.

The CFO position is a stipulated order position, and CUC is required to "appoint another qualified individual within one hundred fifty (150) days of the date of the vacancy."

CUC executive director Alan Fletcher also stepped down last summer after the board voted not to renew his contract.

CUC has been incurring penalties as it continues to fail compliance with stipulated orders. For SO1, which includes the executive director and the deputy executive director positions, CUC faces \$2,000 to \$5,000 per day in penalties. CUC has already accrued \$40 million each in penalties for SO1 and SO2.

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tion Act of 2016," says it is in the best interests of the CNMI to protect coral reefs through "timely and efficient recovery" of monetary damages from harm or damage to coral.

The bill gives the Bureau of Environmental and Coastal Quality the power to enforce its provisions and recover damages from the destruction of, loss of, or injury to coral reef

The bill provides that "a responsible party of a vessel who knows or should know that their vessel has run aground on coral reef, struck coral reef, released pollutants harming coral reef, or otherwise damaged coral reef must notify" BECQ of the event within 24 hours after its occurrence.

For grounded or anchored vessels, the bill gives parties within 72 hours to remove the vessel, barring extenuating circumstances like weather that would prevent safe removal.

It also gives parties 72 hours to remove or cause the removal of the pollutant discharge barring extenuating circumstances and requires them to submit a "removal plan" for BECQ to obtain approval before action.

Under a penalties section, the bill slaps a fine of \$500 for any anchoring of a vessel on coral reef or any other damage to coral reef by boaters, after a third warning after a party's first offense.

It also imposes, among others, an additional \$1,000 if the

UFO's Malasarte thankful for all the support

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United Filipino Organization president Bong Malasarte thanked all the volunteers and sponsors that helped them in various events and projects they did from January to June this year. The UFO held its first Family Fun Day last Sunday.

UFO officers, leaders, and members of the different organizations under the non-profit group as well as volunteers and sponsors spent a day bonding together in last Sunday's event at the Filcom Pavilion in Susupe.

Malasarte said Sunday's event is UFO's simple way of saying thank you to all the hardworking volunteers and member organizations, and to all the sponsors that continue to respond to their requests every time they ask for any assistance.

"It was just a simple gathering to thank everyone [UFO's member organizations, volunteers, and sponsors]. Especially [today], the members and their families, and some of our sponsors joined and celebrated with us," said Malasarte.

"We would have not successfully organized the various projects and events without the help of all the volunteers and the support given by the generous sponsors. The UFO is thankful for everything that they have done for us by sharing their talents and skills."

Malasarte added that it was a day of bonding and fostering camaraderie with all attendees enjoying the food that they shared with Walden Beri and his wife Violy, who were former performers at Aqua



JON PEREZ

United Filipino Organization president Bong Malasarte, second row sixth from left, joins other officials and members of the non-profit group in last Sunday's United Filipino Organization Family Fun Day at the Filcom Pavilion in Susupe.

Resort Club, providing entertainment with various songs.

At one point, four Chinese tourists—who were just walking along the beachside—joined them in the celebration with Walden serenading them with songs in Mandarin. The four tourists even sang with Walden while taking videos of his performance.

The appreciation party continued until 10pm when UFO officers and several volunteers finally went home.

The UFO will be holding a basketball league for its next activity and they are already in the planning stage. The tentative date of opening is on Aug. 14, Sunday. Next will be the Paskong Pinoy celebration.

The Miss Teen Pusong Pinoy, Super Sea Reyna Queen of the Pacific, and Pistang Pinoy are some of the events they held this year aside from volunteering in the an-

nual Holy Week trek up to Mt. Tapochau, and organizing several beach cleanups, beautification drives, and other community activities.

They assisted in the activities for the Philippine Independence Day celebration here on Saipan where Sen. Juan Edgardo "Sonny" Angara was the special guest. They also joined the Liberation Day Parade last July 4 where they won \$2,000 for placing third in the float competition.

They also helped gather information of long-time CNMI

residents who are still under the CW program as requested by Department of Interior Assistant Secretary for Insular Areas Esther Kia'aina and U.S. Citizenship and Immigration Services regional director David Gulick.

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Bordallo introduces Modernizing Travel to the Marianas Act

WASHINGTON, D.C.—Congresswoman Madeleine Z. Bordallo introduced a bill in the U.S. House of Representatives to expedite processing times at the Guam International Airport and other ports of entry in Guam and in the Commonwealth of the Northern Mariana Islands. The bill would establish a mechanism to provide additional resources to CBP to enhance visitor arrivals. Her bill would establish an Electronic System for

» Establishes Guam-CNMI ESTA to address long visitor arrival wait-times

Travel Authorization (ESTA) for the Guam-CNMI Visa Waiver Program and direct revenue from the established system to fund operations and staffing needs at ports of entry in Guam and the CNMI. Bordallo's bill would help to reduce long visitor immigration wait times on Guam, which at times has exceeded two and a half hours. She has worked closely with the Guam Visitors Bureau, U.S. Customs

and Border Protection, and other industry stakeholders to address these long wait times. Her bill would transition two manual forms that foreign visitors are required to complete when traveling to Guam and provide for travel authorization via an electronic system. The bill would significantly enhance immigration processing efficiency and provide for a dedicated revenue source to increase CBP capacity to efficiently handle the volume of visitors at Guam



Bordallo

International Airport and other ports of entry in Guam and CNMI. The program would mirror the U.S. ESTA program and provide similar authorization specifically for the Guam-CNMI Visa Waiver Program.

"An electronic system for visitors under the Guam-CNMI Visa Waiver Program is an innovative, sustainable, common-sense, and cost-saving solution that will modernize and improve the Guam-CNMI Visa Waiver Program.

I have been very concerned about the long wait times that many visitors experience when arriving at the Guam Airport or other ports of entry in Guam or the CNMI. I have been working diligently with GVB, U.S. Customs and Border Protection, and our other industry stakeholders to address these challenges. This bill is the next step in our ef-

orts and will significantly enhance the visitor arrival experience and provide a dedicated revenue source for CBP to manage the volume of visitors entering our jurisdictions. My bill would help ensure that federal policy enhances economic opportunities and development in our region instead of being an impediment." (PR)

COMMUNITY BRIEFS

Military exercises at FDM on July 21

The CNMI Emergency Operations Center in conjunction with U.S. Naval Forces Marianas (N3) Guam, would like to inform the general public that the U.S. Military Unit will be conducting military exercises at Farallon de Mendinilla on July 21 from 9am to 9pm.

The general location of this activity will be at FDM on a 12-nautical mile radius on all quadrants.

Due to the danger imposed by these activities, Gov. Ralph DLG Torres is strongly advising the general public especially fishermen, commercial pilots and marine tour operators to stay away from these areas during the time and dates indicated.

The cooperation and understanding of the general public is greatly appreciated. Should you have any questions, please do not hesitate to contact the CNMI Emergency Operation Center-Dispatch Center at telephone number (670) 237-8000, VHF MARINE CHNL 16, and HF Single Side Band Radio on 5.205.0 or dial CNMI 211 for this advisory. (PR)

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Read and borrow books translated into Chamorro from our award-winning Motherread/Fatheread curriculum. Classes are held every Tuesday and Thursday for the month of July from 5pm to 6pm.

Please call 235-7319/783-7678/285-9666 or email us at cnmimotheread@gmail.com and sign up today. (PR)

SSHS orientation on Aug. 9 and 10

Saipan Southern High School's orientation dates for new and returning students will be on Tuesday, Aug. 9, 2016, 1:30 pm or Wednesday, Aug. 10, 1:30pm. (PR)

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**IN THE SUPERIOR COURT
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COMMONWEALTH OF THE NORTHERN
MARIANA ISLANDS**

In Re The Matter Of The) FCD GU
Petition To Appoint) CIVIL ACTION
General Guardianship For:) NO. 16-0307

R.M.E.A. DOB: 01/06/2000) **NOTICE OF**
and) **HEARING**
R.M.E.A. DOB: 08/20/2003)
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By:)
Amelia Argame Almeda)
Petitioner.)

Notice is hereby given that the above-entitled matter is set for a hearing on August 5, 2016 at 10:30 a.m. in Rota Courtroom, before Associate Judge Joseph N. Camacho.

Dated this 28th day of June, 2016

Patrick V. Diaz
Clerk of Court

/s/ Deputy Clerk of Court

SAIPAN HIGHER EDUCATION FINANCIAL ASSISTANCE
Office of the Mayor
Municipality of Saipan

NOTICE OF REGULAR SHEFA BOARD MEETING

In accordance with 1 CMC § 9901 et seq., as amended, the Saipan Higher Education Financial Assistance (SHEFA) Board hereby gives notice of the Regular Monthly Board Meeting set for Thursday, July 21, 2016 at 9:00 a.m. at the Saipan Mayor's Office Conference Room, Ladera Center Building, Beach Road, Saipan.

AGENDA

I. PRELIMINARY MATTERS

1. Roll Call
2. Adoption of Agenda
3. Adoption of Minutes from June 23, 2016

II. PUBLIC COMMENTS

III. REPORTS

1. Administrator
2. Chair
3. COMMITTEES
 - a. Committee on Awards
 - b. Committee on Appeal/Deferments/Forbearance
 - c. Committee on Policy and Procedures
 - d. Committee on Program and Development
 - e. Committee of Fiscal, Legislative and Community Affairs

IV. OLD BUSINESS

1. SHEFA on Disability
2. NMTI Hospitality and Culinary Arts Certificate Program

V. NEW BUSINESS

1. Fall 2016 Application Status
2. Board Resolution

VI. EXECUTIVE SESSION (CLOSED)

VII. NEXT MEETING

VIII. ADJOURNMENT

The second Greenstay Project showroom is opening this coming Saturday, July 23, at 1pm. The second showcase is located in front of the Ironwood offices on Middle Road.

There will be refreshments and gifts ready for all clients. The Greenstay team of Skywalker Holdings Company shall entertain clients from 10am to 6pm from Monday to Sunday after the opening.

"We will be handing out gifts to those who sign the deposit agreement and successfully pay by July 24th, at the latest," said Cyril Song, sales account manager of Skywalker Holdings Company.

He added that there are no limits as to how many people can come and pay a visit to the model houses.

"Although this is only a soft opening, Greenstay's second showroom is a celebration of the successful outcome of the first showroom, and in the hope of reaching out to more clients who are interested," Song said.

According to Song, Greenstay has already sold 30 units of houses since the opening of the Greenstay sales office last June 25.

"Come and seize the spot, we only have 20 units left

Greenstay set for second showcase this July 23

now," Song said.

To be a client of the Greenstay Project, one must have land of their own along with supporting legal documents.

For the upcoming second showroom, there will be a two-bedroom model house, which was introduced at the very first showroom located at the Garapan Fishing Base across Kristo Rai Church. The showroom will also include a three-bedroom model standard house and four-bedroom deluxe house, which will have more rooms and have more unique designs.

"The first showroom there were about 1,000 people who came. We hope to attract more and more people in this upcoming showroom," Song said.

He also mentioned "For those who are interested in applying for the house we will also have applications and brochures to give out."

"Overall there will be three houses that will be available for the public and most especially for those who are interested in the houses. Greenstay is also welcoming the people who went to the very first showroom but weren't able to

see three-bedroom and four-bedroom houses."

All of the houses Greenstay offers come with integrated kitchen and bathroom and they are all move-in ready. People can choose the furniture for the houses and can also choose the color for the flooring, the outside wall, and the shingles for the roof.

The benefits of the house is they are made of wood-plastic composite material to prevent termite infestation. The houses are also designed under seismic zone 4, to address the issue of earthquakes. Galvanized steel frame is also

used to prevent the frame of the houses from rusting.

For those who have any questions or concerns about Greenstay or the houses, they can either drop by at the Greenstay office, which is located at Island Commercial Building right across Shell Middle Road, email greenstay.cnmi@gmail.com, call (670) 233-8812, or Facebook @CNMI Greenstay. (PR)

CONTRIBUTED PHOTO

An artist's rendition of the Greenstay house that can be seen in front of the Ironwood office in Middle Road, Gualo Rai.



PUBLIC NOTICE

Tinian Entertainment Co., Ltd. is offering return airfare tickets to qualifying foreign workers employed by the Tinian Dynasty Hotel & Casino to their home country. Registration will be open until 4:00 p.m. Friday, July 29, 2016. Requests after this date will not be entertained. And those who register have to take up tickets as arranged by the company and leave the Commonwealth within two months from date of registration. If you believe you qualify for a return flight ticket, please contact Mr. Sterling Lundgren at 670-285-5003 or visit the TEC office at Edu's Plaza 2nd floor in Tinian.



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PUBLIC NOTICE

(This notice is paid for with HUD funds by NMHC)

Program Year 2016 Annual Action Plan July 11, 2016

Governor Ralph DLG. Torres, Lt. Governor Victor B. Hocog, and the Northern Marianas Housing Corporation (NMHC) would like to announce that the Program Year 2016 Annual Action Plan is available for the public's review and comments. The Action Plan encompasses applications for the Community Development Block Grant (CDBG) Program, HOME Investment Partnerships (HOME) Program, and the Emergency Solutions Grant (ESG) Program in the Commonwealth.

The Annual Action Plan is available for public review and inspection during our regular business hours from Monday through Friday from 7:30 a.m. to 4:30 p.m., except for CNMI holidays at the NMHC Central Office and the field offices on Tinian and Rota. You may also visit the NMHC website at www.nmhc.gov.net. Comments may be submitted to the NMHC Central Office in Garapan, Tinian Field Office located in San Jose Village, and the Rota Field Office located in Songsong Village, or you may email your comments to nmhc@nmhc.gov.mp (please indicate in the subject line "PY16 AP Comment"). The comment period will end on August 10, 2016, no later than 4:30 p.m. Individuals needing special accommodations to review and comment on the plan must contact the Planning Division for arrangements by calling (670) 234-7689/6866 during regular business hours.

/s/ Jesse S. Palacios
Corporate Director

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Babauta lauds Calvo's deportation decision

While Guam's incumbent delegate has remained silent on the recent deportation of a FAS migrant, former Interior assistant secretary and congressional delegate candidate Tony Babauta is in full support

of Gov. Eddie Baza Calvo's deportation executive order.

"I applaud Governor Calvo for the steps he has taken to prioritize the removal of FAS citizens who have broken Guam's laws and meet the

test for deportation under the Compacts of Free Association," Babauta said.

"The U.S. government has not denied that deportation is their responsibility, but they are shirking their duties under

the guise of national priorities.

"If Guam is the center stage for our nation's military might, shouldn't our community deserve what is right? And if Ms. Bordallo can be vocal for the military, then why is she so

silent for our community," Babauta added.

"I will work with our leaders, Democrat or Republican, to fight for Guam. Our community should never be put on the back burner and be a lesser priority

to whomever is our voice in the nation's capitol. It certainly will not be that on my watch."

For more information or to set up interviews with former assistant secretary Babauta, contact committee media liaison Kara Cruz at (671) 987-1777 or via email at babauta2016@gmail.com. **(PR)**



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INVITATION FOR BIDS NMC IFB 16-001

NMC CREES RESEARCH STATION, MAIN STATION VEHICLES

Northern Marianas College (NMC) is soliciting competitive sealed bids for the Procurement of New Pick-up Trucks for CREES Saipan Main Station, As Terlaje Campus.

Specifications and Scope of Work packages may be picked up at the NMC Procurement Office, Bldg. L, 2nd Floor, commencing Wednesday (July 13, 2016) through Friday, between the hours of 8: 30-11:30 a.m. and 1:00-4:00 p.m. As Terlaje Campus, Saipan.

Paid for by 100% Federal Funds through the USDA-NIFA authorized under the Hatch Act, as amended August 11, 1955, Award #2015-31100 (Regular).

In accordance with Public Laws 15-95 and as further amended by Public Law 15-118, Local Preference is not available to local businesses for this procurement.

For Bidders located outside of the CNMI: you may request a copy of the IFB via fax (670) 235-7601 or email to Anita Camacho (anita.camacho@marianas.edu). Bid Packages are due no later than 10:00 a.m., August 15, 2016, at Northern Marianas College, As Terlaje Campus, Procurement Office, Bldg. L, 2nd Floor, Saipan, MP 96950.

This solicitation does not constitute an offer and does not obligate the College in any way. The NMC reserves the right to reject any and/or all bids for any reason and waive any defect in said bids, or cancel in part or its entirety this IFB, if it deems, in its sole discretion, it is in the best interest of the College.

All costs incurred by the proposer to prepare a response to this solicitation and subsequent inquiries shall be borne by the proposer. All submittals shall become the property of NMC.

Approved by the following:

/s/ Anita Camacho
NMC Procurement Manager

/s/ Tim Kock, Ph.D.
Dean, NMC CREES



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INVITATION FOR BIDS NMC IFB 16-002

SUPPLY AND DELIVERY OF NEW AGRICULTURAL TRACTOR
SAIPAN

Northern Marianas College (NMC) is soliciting competitive sealed bids for the procurement of an Agricultural Tractor for the CREES Research Farm at As Perdido, Saipan.

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PUBLIC NOTICE



Pursuant to 1 CMC § 9910(a), the Fourteenth CNMI State Board of Education hereby gives notice that **there will be a Work Session on Thursday, July 21, 2016 at 10:30 a.m. at the Hyatt Regency, Chamolinian Room in Garapan, Saipan.**

AGENDA¹

- I. Executive Session/Work Session²**
 - a. Call to Order
 - b. Evaluation of the Commissioner of Education
- II. Adjournment**

¹ In the event that the items on the agenda are not completed, the meeting will recess and reconvene on the following day or at the most expeditious date and time determined by the Board.

² Pursuant to 1 CMC § 9912, the Board may vote to meet in executive session at any time.

Notice of Public Scoping Meetings

Commonwealth of the Northern Mariana Islands, Commonwealth Ports Authority and
U.S. Department of the Army, Corps of Engineers

Public Scoping Meetings for an Integrated Feasibility/Environmental Impact Statement for the
Proposed Tinian Harbor Modifications Project, Island of Tinian,
Commonwealth of the Northern Mariana Islands

The Commonwealth Ports Authority (CPA) and the U.S. Army Corps of Engineers (USACE) are hosting public scoping meetings for the Proposed Tinian Harbor Modifications Project, Island of Tinian, Commonwealth of the Northern Mariana Islands (CNMI). The purpose of these meetings are to solicit participation and input from all interested federal, state, and local agencies, Native American groups, and other concerned private organizations or individuals on the scope of analysis for the Integrated Feasibility/Environmental Impact Statement (E/EIS). A Federal Notice of Intent to prepare an E/EIS for the proposed project was published in the Federal Register on July 8, 2016.

The E/EIS Public Scoping meetings will be held as follows:

Tinian: July 19, 2016
Tinian Courthouse, San Jose Village
4:30 pm – Poster Session
5:00 pm – 7:00 pm – Formal Scoping Meeting

Saipan: July 20, 2016
CPA Saipan Seaport Conference Room, Charlie Dock, Puerto Rico Village
4:30 pm – Poster Session
5:00 pm – 7:00 pm – Formal Scoping Meeting

Project Site and Background Information: Tinian Harbor is the sole commercial harbor servicing the island of Tinian, CNMI and is owned and maintained by the CPA. Due to its isolation, the harbor is extremely important for the continual flow and transit of goods and materials for the small island community. The CNMI is threatened annually by typhoons and tropical storms which has resulted in the deterioration of the protective breakwater and harbor facilities. Failure of the breakwater would result in complete closure of the harbor, requiring costly air transport as the only remaining option to deliver essential commodities to the island. The project will focus on the repair/reconfiguration of the breakwater and an incremental analysis of the harbor depth to assure safe and efficient operation of commercial vessels.

Proposed Action(s): The study reports will assess the technical, environmental and economic feasibility in the implementation of navigation improvement. These include: 1) navigation improvement measures that expand the federal turning basin; 2) surge reduction measures by constructing protective structures; and 3) expand and deepen the harbor basin and entrance channel to accommodate larger vessels by dredging.

Issues: Potentially significant issues associated with the project may include: aesthetics/visual impacts, air quality emissions, biological resource impacts, environmental justice, hazards and hazardous materials, hydrology and water quality, noise, traffic and transportation, and cumulative impacts from past, present, and reasonably foreseeable future projects.

Mail written comments concerning this notice to: Mr. Milton Yoshimoto, Project Manager, Civil and Public Works Branch, Honolulu District, U.S. Army Corps of Engineers, Civil and Public Works Branch, Bldg 230, Fort Shafter, Hawaii 96858. Comment letters should include the commenter's physical mailing address and the project title in the subject line. In order to be considered in the Draft E/EIS, comments and suggestions should be received within 30 days after the last public scoping meeting.

For more information, please contact Mr. Milton Yoshimoto, U.S. Army Corps of Engineers, Honolulu District, Bldg 230, Ft Shafter, HI 96858, milton.t.yoshimoto@usace.army.mil.

For media enquiries, please contact POH Public Affairs Office at (808) 835-4004 or CEPOH-PA@usace.army.mil.



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NOTICE TO THE PUBLIC

This ad is paid for by NMHC funds.

Notice is hereby given that the Northern Marianas Housing Corporation (NMHC) is the agency authorized to allocate Low Income Housing Tax Credits (LIHTC) in the CNMI. The United States 1986 Tax Reform Act created the federal low-income housing tax credit program under Section 42 of the Internal Revenue Code (Code) to assist with the development of low-income rental housing by providing qualified owners with credit to offset their federal tax obligations. The LIHTC is available to owners/developers of qualifying buildings and projects that meet certain low-income occupancy and rent restrictions.

Section 42 of the Code provides that the CNMI prepare a Qualified Allocation Plan (QAP) to determine housing priorities and to give preference to projects serving the lowest income tenants and projects obligated to serve qualified tenants for the longest periods. The QAP must incorporate selection criteria, which includes project location, housing need characteristics, sponsor characteristics, tenant populations with special needs, and public housing waiting lists.

NMHC has developed a QAP and is available at NMHC's office. The QAP describes the basis that NMHC will use to allocate LIHTCs. NMHC may allocate **\$673,300.00** in LIHTCs for the 2016 program year.

Application for LIHTCs

Owners/Developers wishing to apply for the LIHTCs should obtain and complete a LIHTC Application. The LIHTC Application may be obtained from NMHC's Office in Garapan, Saipan, MP 96950 or through our website at www.nmhcgov.net.

Owners/Developers must file the completed LIHTC Application along with the **\$1,000.00 Application Fee** at NMHC's Office by the Application Deadline of **4:30 pm, September 12, 2016**. NMHC staff will review the application and will notify the Owner/Developer of any deficiencies by 15 days time or **September 27, 2016**. The owner/developer will be given 14 days to correct any deficiencies. Any corrections or supplemental information requested by NMHC must be received by **4:30 pm October 11, 2016**. The projects will be scored and recommendations made to the NMHC Board of Directors for approval at its **November 2016** Board Meeting.

Notification of Awards

NMHC will notify Owners/Developers of the projects receiving LIHTCs thirty (30) days following the November 2016 Board of Directors meeting. The reservation letter must be signed and returned to NMHC by no later than thirty (30) days from the date of notification.

For more information on this program, please contact NMHC at 234-6866/7670/7689/9447.

/s/ **JESSE S. PALACIOS**
Corporate Director

NMHC will make necessary arrangements for persons with disabilities or persons requiring interpreters upon prior notification. Should you require such arrangements, please contact Ms. Jocelyn Seman at telephone numbers 234-6866/7670/7689/9447.

PH passport renewals now being released

The office of Honorary Philippine Consul to the CNMI Eli Arago announced late Monday night the releasing of passports that were renewed from May 30 to June 2. These are for those who applied for renewal at the Marianas Business Plaza.

A total of 317 passports, Saipan only, were renewed. Those who applied to renew their passports can now start picking up their new travel documents starting July 19, from 5pm to 8pm at the 2/F

of the J.P. Center building in Beach Road, Garapan.

The releasing will continue on July 20 and 21, Wednesday and Thursday, at the same time and the same office that is located at the second floor of Century Insurance.

The old passport and receipt must be presented when getting your passport, while an authorization letter is required if another person would pick it up.

Last week, the Philippine Consulate Office in Guam held a four-day mobile consul-

ar service where they accepted 321 applications for renewal, four lost, and 116 extensions of Philippine passports.

The mobile consular service also accepted 12 reports of birth and three acknowledgements, and two reports of marriage and one given affidavit.

Application for passport renewal are also being accepted but only for 2017 since the months of September and November—the Philippine Consulate's next scheduled visit to Saipan—have already been filled up.

The office of Honorary Consul Arago can only ac-

cept applications for passport renewals since the PCG has the machine that gets the applicants biometrics. Applications for passport renewals that were processed will receive their new copies within 60 days.

Torres proclaims July 23-27 as probation, parole supervision week

Gov. Ralph DLG Torres and chief justice of the Commonwealth Supreme Court Alexandro Castro proclaimed on Friday the week of July 23 to July 27 as "Probation and Parole Supervision Week."

The proclamation is intended to encourage all citizens to honor these community corrections professionals and to

Legal advice, civil registration, application for dual citizenship, and double checking of all requirements needed for passport renewals before sending it to the Philippine Consulate's Guam office are some of the services that Ara-

go could provide to his countrymen in the CNMI.

Consul Mark Francis Hamoy led the PCG team that also included Allan Tangayan, Emerita Marquez, and Annabelle Oviedo-Lavarez. **(Jon Perez)**

community agencies and groups, provide services, support, and protection for victims, and that these professionals advocate for community and restorative justice, among others.

"Community corrections professionals are for positive change in their communities," the proclamation states. **(Dennis B. Chan)**

Saipan Municipal Council to resume sessions

The 13th Saipan and Northern Islands Municipal Council will resume its session tomorrow at 10am at the SNIMC Leadership Memorial Kiosk or the Hon. Pedro T. Nakatsukasa Memorial Building in Chalan Kanoa.

The session is in pursuant of Public Law 8-41 that requires all government meetings be open to the public.

Updates on the planned In Memoriam commemoration service set on Oct. 28 at 4pm are among the things that will be discussed in the agenda.

The service will be held at the American Memorial Park.

The In Memoriam committee has lined up a number of events that would create awareness and drumbeat the event commemorating the men, women, and children who died during the Battle of Saipan in World War II.

Having several members from the Office on Aging at KKMP, symposium, and essay writing contest are some of the events they plan to hold before the memorial service. **(PR)**

**PROCUREMENT AND SUPPLY
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INVITATION TO BID
ITB NO.: ITB16-OVR-143

SUBMISSION DATE: AUGUST 01, 2016
TIME: 10:00 A.M.

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PUBLIC NOTICE

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**Substantial Amendment to the 2015-2019
NMHC Consolidated Plan and Program Year 2015
Annual Action Plan
July 11, 2016**

The Northern Marianas Housing Corporation (NMHC) would like to inform the general public that the NMHC will be amending the 2015-2019 NMHC Consolidated Plan and the Program Year 2015 Annual Action Plan for the Commonwealth to include the Housing Trust Fund (HTF) program. The HTF program goals are to increase and preserve the supply of rental housing for extremely low-income families, including homeless families, and to increase homeownership for extremely low-income and very low-income families.

The HTF Program Plan is available for public review and inspection during our regular business hours from Monday through Friday from 7:30 a.m. to 4:30 p.m., except for CNMI holidays at the NMHC Central Office at the field offices on Tinian and Rota. You may also visit the NMHC website at www.nmhc.gov.net. Comments may be submitted to the NMHC Central Office in Garapan, Tinian Field Office located in San Jose Village, and the Rota Field Office located in Songsong Village, or you may email your comments to nmhc@nmhc.gov.mp (please indicate in the subject line "HTF Plan Comment"). The comment period will end on August 10, 2016, no later than 4:30 p.m. Individuals needing special accommodations to review and comment on the plan must contact the Planning Division for arrangements by calling (670) 234-7689/6866 during regular business hours.

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Chenot Lasarinu

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Todu humuñgog lau memegaiña ti kumomprende na i primera defektun i tanu' gaige gi baban kinalamten ekonomia. Kada ma-atan halom mali'e na namasa' kulan mohon pipinu' na chenot lasarinu. Todu lumetke kase pot mapot na asuntu. Guaha probleman miyu man-manaitai?

Yangin un' diskuattisa papa' sustansian ekonomia siempre un' tunog gi monedan familia yan kau suffisiente ginanan niniha para uma-akude nesessidat siha diariu. Gi mismu tiempu, kada sumeha hau ginen offisiat na checho'-mu kumu representanten i tautau pues kontodu hagu sumasaunau muna' chatsaga linala' familia.

Hafa ma'añau miyu humala halom i toru gi pastahe para in' ketuñgu haf' nesessidatña? Kau ha nesessita hanom pat pastu? Haf' taimanu unna' mansu' nai ni hagu ma'añau hau humihute?

Priniponen Sueddu

Todu atmos banda, bisnis yan gobietnu, debi u apase empleau sueddun mafanana' an "prevailing wage" (sueddu gi ora) yangin man-emplea hutnaleros ginen hiyuñg (CW), segun i priniponen aktu ni inentroducen Sen. Paul Mangloña gi mapos na semana.

I puntu para uma-asegura na matatiye lai sueddu 'nai kables ma-apase empleau disiente. Ginen este ha soyu' siempre tautau tanu' manhanau guatu gi praihet pot esta añgoghuyun i sueddu. Mas fitme na pisu para tautau-ta.

I otu attikulu i para uma-espiha, gi halom dos años, mana' parehun sueddu gi todus atmos banda gi parehu na offisiu siha. Yangin ma-estudia hau engineering pues i sueddun este na offisiu gi todus dos patte, bisnis yan gobietnu, debi u parehu. Hana' guaha mas amtau na modun sueddu 'nai i man-ma-eduka na tautau umasoda' añgoghuyun na sueddu gi praihet.

Adumididi' siempre mas megai tautau-ta gi bandan praihet pot mas bali yan parehu sueddu gi todus atmos banda. Mauleg na appottunadat para i mas man-animu na tautau-ta piot i mauleg edukasion niha. Mas siempre u guaguan sueddun praihet. Mas lokue' tasoda' i man-paire na profesionat gi bandan bisnis. Mauleg na prinipone i ginagau Sen. Manglona guine na puntu siha.

Disposision Fondu

Mauleg umakomprende ensegidas haye gai atoridat man-dispone fondun publiku antes de umayuma i salape'. Gaige este solu gi ramas lehislatura. Debi u tutuhongue' gi sanpapa' na guma gi hechuran lehislasion. Estague' klaru na mandatun i konstitusion.

Kontodu fondu ginen i casino debi uma-entrega guatu i lehislatura para u dispone antes de disposision gobietnu. Huñgan esta maseñala usun este na salape'. Lau debi u komplidu gi hilu' disposision lehislatura para u ligat.

Estague' layeye i hunu' halom na keha gi kotte. Mauleg sa' i gobietnu mismu kumonfitma na dinanche i puntun lai atoridat man-dispone fondun publiku. Debi umadanche chachalaña para muñga manadan birada pot che'chu' diskuidu!

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Uncle Lino

He is an institution by himself where the young Carolinians ask for his blessings as they Amen before him. He has the patience of Job, and the stamina of Hercules, his home wedged between the Russians and Bob Jones' construction projects right behind the old Gardenia Hotel.

He grows taro on his farm by the hillside on the leeward side of Mt. Tapochau but the fruit trees these days are dry as the rain has been stingy on its downpours. Friends and kin favor his beachfront by the lagoon where picnickers can use his tables, drink their cooler full beers into the night, for as long as the gate is unlock. So far, guests bag their trash ready for the trash bin and keep the place tidy and uncluttered. Someone rationalized cigarette butt disposal as well.

Lino is out to promote what he can impart of the practices of Carolinian culture, its ocean navigational skills and the communal ways of the island group between Chuuk and Yap where most Carolinians in Saipan sailed from. Folks from his island named Tanapag and Oleai of Saipan, and the stories of old, of Chalan Kanoa when the Sugar Dock was a marshy area extending toward Lake Susupe as the inland lake was "umbilically" tied to the ocean waters of the lagoon, are still told.

"The Rope of Tradition" is his recollections of an intentional appropriation of his heritage, having been born in Saipan, and returned to his island of Satawal and the "P" islands; he was set to write the rituals of the islands and his people with the late Fr. Gary Bradley, a speaker of impeccable Chuukese, until the diabetic Jesuit priest collapsed consecrating the elements of the Eucharist at Kristo Rai. Lino is also sitting on a dictionary of Satawal terms that might save a Refalawasch linggo from oblivion.

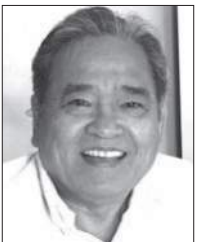
Lino has been mentioned several times in our writing, not so much because he is close to me ("brother and sister" are terms for kin way beyond the fourth degree of consanguinity, maternal and paternal, where they are only vaguely considered as "cousins" in the English typology of relationships), but because he exemplifies an amiable personality to further the preservation of a culture fast disappearing from the ways of the young.

Called respectfully as "Uncle Lino," he has since become my neighbor while the rest of Saipan come to bask under his ironwoods and plumeria, the flame tree and coconuts, dip their toes on the tepid waters of the lagoon, and let a fantastic sunset blaze the Philippine Sea horizons before their sights. Sitting on a valuable seafront property, he could very well be prettily retired were he to claim a reverse mortgage on his property, but he is content to live on his Soudelor battered "rickety shack" and let his brother Ric the Mechanic do carpentry on his properties.

I met Lino at the turn of the century when he volunteered to

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the Board of the CNMI Council on Humanities, the executive director Scott Russell having been instrumental in getting his "Rope of Tradition" book published.

A revered Carolinian, Lino's Japanese-American friend Ken was once stopped by a police officer when he swung into the inner lane heading north past the Quartermaster Road that did not have a warning of the four-lane road becoming only two. Showing his out-of-island driver's license to the officer, he was asked which hotel he resided at, and he mentioned that he was a guest of Lino Olopoi. The officer immediately returned his license and said: "Lino is a good man, so you must be one, too." He was duly but merely advised to remember that the street lane in that intersection becomes one heading north.

I was homeless for three weeks before my new dwelling was ready to receive me and Uncle Lino let me use the living room of the tin-aluminum shack (the plywood floor is a bit more modest than Glen Hunter's shop) on San Isidro village before my new place was available.

I am not focusing on Lino to sing praises for what he does, or who he is. He is a celebrity on his own right, loved by many and despised by a few for being a vocal Refalawasch, and for ensuring that between the Chamorro and Carolinian divide, the latter does not get the butt end of the deal. The mix review comes with the territory.

We are not claiming a special quality for the "lao ye ye" ("old man," he is 5 years older than I) as he is as ordinary as they come, but sometimes, the wind of history chooses folks to play certain roles, and Uncle Lino's chosen functions are played with considerable style.

In this case, specifics are the craft of the devil, and the angels sing the symphonic wholeness of bliss. The immediate generation, latched on to the times' love affair with money, ignores Uncle Lino's lifestyle that grates against universal acquisitiveness, though a few kinks on official dependencies is present here and there, but we won't hold Lino captive to those.

Of humanities and culture, Uncle Lino holds a huge candle. Referring to a Carolinian moon phase but now used as "hello," "thank you," and "goodbye": Oloomwaay!

LETTERS TO THE EDITOR

ADA celebrates 26th anniversary

July 26, 2016, is the 26th anniversary of the Americans with Disabilities Act (ADA). The ADA has changed the lives of many persons with disabilities in the CNMI, protecting against discrimination in employment, public accommodations and services, transportation, and voting, to name only a few. The people and businesses of the Commonwealth have generally embraced

the protections afforded by the ADA. We can now celebrate the past 26 years of the ADA and look forward to the future. For “10 Things to Know about the ADA and Beyond,” check out <https://www.disability.gov/disability-connection-newsletter-july-2016>. If you or a family member has a disability and needs assistance,

please contact the Northern Mariana Islands Protection and Advocacy Systems, Inc. (NMPASI) whose mission is to protect the civil, legal and human rights of individuals with disabilities.

Jeanne H. Rayphand
Via email

No special election? Really?

Seems like the Republican Party is going full speed ahead with an “End Run” rather than going full steam right into the granite block that is the special election. It is not really a block of granite. There isn’t a slate of candidates that acting governor Ralph Torres is up against. He is the only candidate. This is called a special election because an elected official, while serving less than half of his four-year term (11 months only), left the Commonwealth and never returned to reclaim his elected seat, thus creating a vacant elected seat.

He died overseas. Per our constitution, the sitting lieutenant governor becomes acting governor pending a special election. The constitution is quite clear on that. And the special election is to legitimize that accession to the vacant gubernatorial office. Because a sitting governor died while serving only 11 months, and died overseas, this creates a special type of situation, and a special election is in order. See Article III, Section 7 (1st and 3rd sentences).

But Torres did become acting governor immediately upon Inos’ departure from CNMI for whatever reason. See Article III, Section 8 (a). Because Inos failed to return to the Commonwealth alive from Seattle to reclaim his seat, Article III, Section 8 (a) swings to Section 7 (1st and 3rd sentences). Torres could just ask for the special election and he would just take the election easy, being the only person up to the election, no challenger, because of the mechanics of law.

But what acting governor Torres is doing by not bowing to the applicable sections of our constitution, is not the assent of the democratic people of this Commonwealth. He, really, should be elected. That’s what is, constitutionally, required in this situation. Let’s do it within the confine of the constitutional mandates, Article III, Section 8 (a), and Section 7 (sentence one, and sentence three). Sentence two does not apply. It talks about simultaneous double vacancies. Not applicable in this instance. And if a sentence or two don’t apply, set it aside, like the second sentence of Section 7. For acting governor Torres, though, it’s a clear and easy, roller-coaster ride to the Office of the Governor. But no, his coaches say, “take the end-run.” The lead person, acting governor Ralph DLG Torres, is taking the “end-run.” What is that? It’s the circumvention of the constitutional mandates on gubernatorial succession. See Article III, Section 8 (a), and Section 7 (first and third sentences). As for Senate President Vic Hocog, Baron de Tocqueville’s principle of Separation of Powers applies.

Our constitution also says that no one person should hold jobs in two or more branches of our government simultaneously. The branches are the Executive, Legislative, and Judicial. In line with this narrative, a person holding a job in the legislative branch should resign his position before accepting a position in the executive branch. A person could only hold a job in one branch

of the government at any one time. No conjuring up of things. We must remember that our CNMI Constitution mirrors, for the most part, the American constitution, its subsequent amendments, and that constitution has a political history, political treaties, political theorists and philosophers whose points we must also consider like the Federalist Papers, the Anti-Federalist Papers, like Montesquieu, Locke, Rousseau, Hobbs, Rossiter, the British Constitution, Minister Roger Williams’s and President Thomas Jefferson’s persuasions on the separation of church and state , and other pertinent, influential, historical documents prepared by the various convention delegates and presented to that American constitutional convention. I say our constitution is based on those readings, for the most part.

Thus, when Senate President Vic Hocog crossed the divisive, imaginary line between the Legislative and the Executive branches, to assume the title of acting lieutenant governor, he should have resigned first from the Legislature, but he didn’t resign. Or did he? There isn’t any word from anyone that Senate President Vic Hocog resigned from the Legislature before “jumping the fence,” or that there’s going to be special election for both of them. On second thought, for Hocog, Section 3 is not the proper clause to follow because the situation is different. Section 3 seems to say temporary absence, no death in office. Gov. Inos died overseas while serving only 11 months of a four-year term. When he left the CNMI for Seattle, the focus swings to Section 8 (a). Inos’ death is not a temporary absence. Of course not.

When Inos died while overseas, the focus swings to Section 7 (1st and 3rd sentences). The situation has changed. And I say Section 3 is for temporary absence and doesn’t apply in this instance because no lieutenant governor died. Had there been one, the focus should switch to Section 7. I say Section 3 is set for living lieutenant governor. I also say that Torres was given the wrong interpretation by his advisors, which lacked overt popular support. The only way out of this wrong decision is to get elected per Article III, Section 7. Those advisors who told Lt. Gov. Torres to go ahead and take the gubernatorial oath of office are not the “Rule of Law.” Is Torres reluctant to push for a special election? The advisors have usurped the right of the people to vote per Section 7. The handful of advisors took it upon themselves to decide that-yes-Torres, take the gubernatorial oath of office, and be full-fledge governor. Never mind the constitutional mandates. Where are their written decisions and/or opinions? Let’s see the written opinions used in this instance. Do they, now, need a paralegal, or legal assistant, or trial assistant, to do their researches for them? And, what then, is the purpose of the constitution and any amendment to it? I am aware that not all lawyers, and others, agree with my argumentation, and, of course that’s normal, and I

know that. But then, even Siamese twin don’t necessarily agree with each other every time, married couples divorce, co-habiting couples call it quit like Marvin v. Marvin, that’s why there are courts, and that’s why not every lawyer makes the “Top Three” of their law schools, and are not hired by Wilmer, Cutler, and Pickering, for example.

How many lawyers have passed the CNMI Bar on first try? But that’s for another time. So, does the local Republican Party want the governor and lieutenant governor to stay as is, no special election, and not as acting governor and acting lieutenant governor of the Commonwealth? Is it “I see nothing, I hear nothing, I say nothing, thus I do nothing to rock the boat and sink myself politically?” And what of the pertinent sections of our constitution, do we fold the pages over, and close the volume? Let’s lay all the issues on the table with all bets off. Let’s be frank. Why no special election? Why? Are Torres’ handful of advisors the people, that’s why they are re-writing the constitution without the benefit of a plebiscite? That what they did, didn’t they? Their demeanors usurped the voting rights of the people. How difficult readings are Article III, Sections 7, 8, and, 3? And Article II, Section 11? Without this special election so far, the Commonwealth history has a never elected acting governor and a never resigned senator with only about 400 Rota senatorial votes, now a Commonwealth-wide acting lieutenant governor who, now, holds two positions, one in the Executive Branch, the other in the Legislative Branch.

He has never resigned from the Legislature. And the Legislature? Two presidents, one could be called the president pro-tem because the original president hasn’t resigned, and the original president could be called “the Rover” because that other one sits as the Senate president Pro Tem, and “Rover” is hanging around in the shadow of “Pro-Tem.” Two senate presidents. We cannot have that. It’s either one or the other, but Hocog has not resigned his seat, and so the whole government is convoluted. Isn’t this turning out to be another comedy of errors? Election Commission, call the special election and right this wrong. Because until then, we have a government of an unelected acting governor and unelected, unresigned, acting lieutenant governor with only 400 Rota senatorial votes to rule Commonwealth-wide. Saipan and Tinian did not vote for him. But, are we back to being Chamorro and Refaluasch, laid-back, *páre*, *bwibwi*, coffee, and *mamaón*, *tunu i kustiayas*, Kilili and Minachum Atdao beaches, good natured guys, and, *kumaire manngi i pan?* But we have very serious issues at hand to tend to. We must address them. Boy, *golai faká*.

Rudy M. Sablan
Garapan

CHENOT

From Page 10

Diskriminasion

Sige mas te`ug i geran entalu` man-atiluñ yan man-a`paka` giya America. I neguru ilelegña na megai gi tautau niha man-mapake ni polisian man-a`paka`. I faktu na rekot ilelegña na megaiña a`paka` pininu` atiluñ pot usun pake.

I muebementun “Black Lives Matter” (gai bale linala` man-atiluñ) siña ha` lehitimu `an un` bira tatte i asuntu gi estorian iya America antes yan `nai pa`gu ma-establese kumu nasion. Klaru na esklabu i atiluñ `nai guaha manmafa` benta kulan attikulu gi estanten tenda. Chatpagu na tinatte kontra i los probes.

Ginen inaligau todú rasan tautau pot justisia para todus mina` dispues adumididi` manma-aregla parehu na tratamientu gi maseha haye. In` hasu estorian Dr. Martin Luther King? Guiya mas afamau na kabisiyun inaligau justisia para todus. Ahe` ti ha limitte checho`ña gi man-atiluñ na ha inklusu todú rasan tautau.

Inadahen Fiñkas

Sige machukan kuentos na guaha mas fondu gi kaha para otu sakan, 2017. Gi mismu tiempu propriu na in` adahe gastun nuebu na fondu. Atan haf` mamamaila` `an magpu` maseden tautau hiyuñ na empleau.

La fotte este na linau kontra ekonomian i tanu` para u destrosia. Poresu na get adahe ya in` fan mamolu` para `an mattu ennu na mattiempu yan didog na mattirun eskases. I tautau manlulupog hanom gi tiempun uchan ahe ti `nai añglu` i tanu`.

Sattun na sension responsabladat i inadahe gi fiñkas gi ti asigurau na karera mona. Muñga mabatga hamyu gi kadu` na adelantu siha sa` siempre kada unu u dimu` an magpu programan CW2 na hutnaleros. Lamegai na bisnis para u huchum. Ha transladague` este guatu gi menos na aduana (tax) para i kaha. Gaige este na obligasion gi dos patman kanai miyu!

Amotsan Eskuela

Man-suetten famaguon na tiempu sa` guaha amotsan oga` an yan talo`ane gi eskuela. Man-mattu gi eskuela dispues mañugu` gi cafeteria man-amotsa. Programa ni mana` guahaye para estudiante siha ni numesessita ayudun alimientun neñaknu`. Man-suette!

Hame antes, tat grifu yan drinking fountain ti in` falague man-gimen antes oran estudiui. Magradua-yu` kontodu diplom manmañoplan hanom grifu. Dios mihu! Dispues i bento` mame mabalulutan gi halom hagu choda ni mafalulun pañeles. Tat halom tañgantañgan ti in` fatoigue umusune bento ginen i gima`.

Animu na estudiante i mañasaga gi chagu` tat kumu Susupe yan San Antonio ni man-mamomokat diariu achog para amotsan

talo`ane. Konsidera i mattiempu `nai man-e`ensinahyau entalu` fina nahgoñg estake man-mattu gi eskuela sino gima` niha.

`An bomento` hau pabu (satdinas) lamegai problema-mu sa` ni habun paupau taya` gi kemun eskuela. Debi un` yilulog hagu hayu mientras madadandan i kampanan eskuela. Lau paire na finapos sa` hana` fan eyag ham manla`la` gi guinahan mame. De hemunos kau balutan hagu choda. Fan hakut sa` un` atrasau!

Huntan Lehislatura

Hu baba i Channel 23 para bai ekuñgog huntan lehislatura. Sige hu akanteha haf` madiskukute pot todú man-finu` E`Eñglis ya ti fafayi-hu finu` Amerikanu. Ai na animu ham yan Magoo `nai sige umensinayau para bai`n komprende i madiskukute na attikulu. Anog na memegaiña ti man-lagse` gi finu` Eñglis hombre kada ratu ma` tut haf` makeke sañgan.






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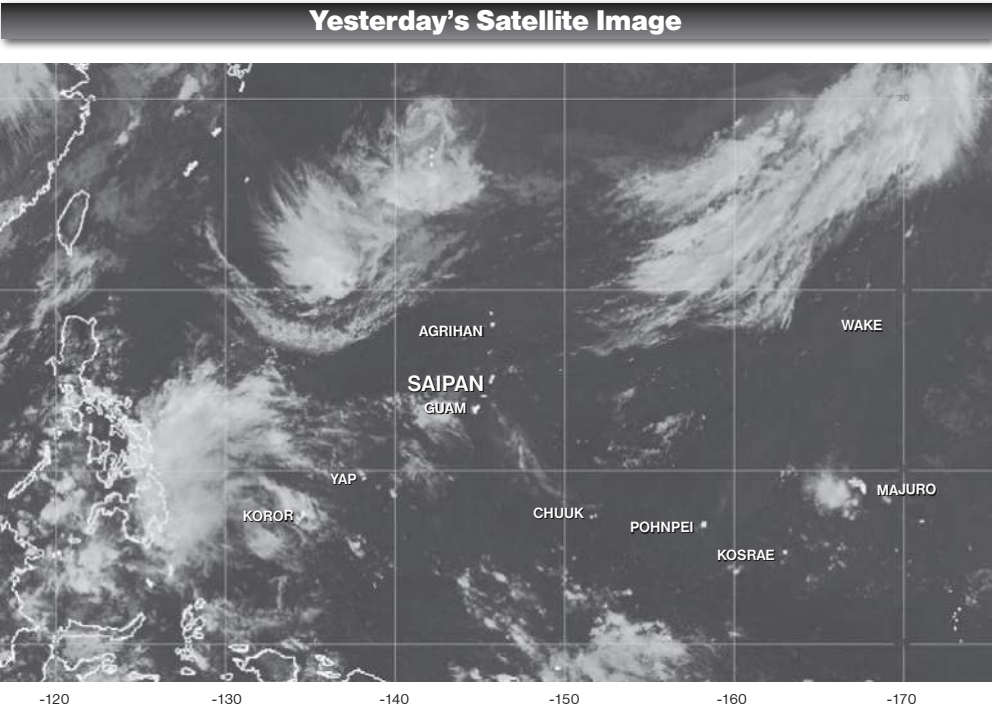
Mattu fañata`an `nai todú man-tostus na hagu cha`guan matutuhon man-palapa. Tres dias dispues todú betde i cha`guan gi oriyen guma`. Magahet na dañkulu na difirensia i naturat yan rinegan tautau hanom grifu. Mauleg para i lancheria finatton fañata`an.

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`An un` katdun niyog i guihan na seguru na ti bollan. Kumu un` diskuida hau pues humuyuñ hagu bumenenuye familiamu.

The Weather

5-Day Forecast for Saipan and Tinian				
TODAY	THURSDAY	FRIDAY	SATURDAY	SUNDAY
				
Partly cloudy with isolated showers. Light and variable winds.	Partly cloudy with isolated showers. Southwest winds 5 to 10 mph.	Partly cloudy with isolated showers.	Partly cloudy. Isolated showers.	Partly cloudy with isolated showers.
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Western North Pacific between equator and 25N from 130E to 180.

A disturbance west of Koror is causing scattered showers and a few thunderstorms from northwest of yap across Palau west of a line from 14N135E to 5N134E. A surface trough northwest of the Marianas stretches southwestward from 25N147E to 18N139E. Cloudiness and patchy showers are north of a line from 18N135E to 25N148E to beyond 25N. A second surface trough northwest of Wake island runs southwestward from 25N164E to 19N155E. Scattered showers and a few thunderstorms are within 100 miles of the trough. In the northwest Marshall islands, a third surface trough extends northwestward from near Ailinglaplap atoll at 7N168E to near Ujae atoll at 9N165E. Scattered showers and a few thunderstorms are within 75 miles of the trough.

Satellite image and accompanying information are provided by the National Weather Service. For an updated weather forecast, visit the National Weather Service Guam homepage: www.prh.noaa.gov/guam/

Micronesia ▼ ▲		
Guam And Rota	Partly sunny	80 / 92 °F
Palau	Partly cloudy	78 / 87 °F
Yap	Partly cloudy	77 / 90 °F
Chuuk	Partly cloudy	81 / 88 °F
Pohnpei	Heavy rain	80 / 87 °F
Kosrae	Heavy rain	83 / 86 °F
Majuro	Partly sunny	83 / 87 °F

Around the Globe ▼ ▲		
Auckland	Partly cloudy	53 / 57 °F
Beijing	Tons of rain	69 / 73 °F
Hong Kong	Morning clouds	83 / 89 °F
Honolulu	Morning clouds	74 / 84 °F
London	Partly cloudy	69 / 85 °F
Los Angeles	Mostly sunny	64 / 87 °F
Manila	Cloudy	81 / 94 °F
Melbourne	Mostly Cloudy	45 / 58 °F
Miami	Scattered thunderstorms	82 / 87 °F
New York	Mostly sunny	69 / 83 °F
Osaka	Morning clouds	72 / 92 °F
Paris	Afternoon clouds	73 / 85 °F
Pusan	Partly cloudy	73 / 84 °F
Rome	Sunny	65 / 94 °F
Salem	Light showers	57 / 81 °F
San Francisco	Morning clouds	55 / 68 °F
Seoul	Partly sunny	70 / 89 °F
Tokyo	Mostly cloudy	73 / 84 °F
Washington, DC	Partly sunny	67 / 85 °F



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UA2922	8:40am	9:30am	Daily	UA2925	7:15am	8:05am	Daily
UA2921	1:30pm	3:10pm	1, 4, 5, 7 via Rota	UA2921	12:10pm	1:00pm	1, 4, 5, 7
UA2920	2:20pm	3:10pm	2, 3, 6	UA2920	12:10pm	1:50pm	2, 3, 6 via Rota
UA2928	6:05pm	6:55pm	Daily	UA2927	4:45pm	5:35pm	Daily
UA2926	9:50pm	10:40pm	Daily	UA2929	8:30pm	9:20pm	Daily
SAIPAN-ROTA (ROP)				GUAM (GUM)-ROTA (ROP)			
UA2921	1:30pm	2:05pm	1, 4, 5, 7	UA2920	12:10pm	12:45pm	2, 3, 6
ROTA (ROP)-GUAM (GUM)				ROTA (ROP)-SAIPAN			
UA2921	2:35pm	3:10pm	1, 4, 5, 7	UA2920	1:15pm	1:50pm	2, 3, 6
SAIPAN-NARITA (NRT)				NARITA (NRT)-SAIPAN			
DL297	4:20pm	7:00pm	Daily	DL298	10:30am	3:05pm	Daily
SAIPAN-SEOUL (ICN)				SEOUL (ICN)-SAIPAN			
OZ626	2:20am	6:00am	1	LJ651	7:30am	1:10pm	Daily
OZ626	2:50am	6:30am	2, 3, 4, 5, 6, 7	7C3402	9:30am	3:00pm	Daily
7C3403	4:45am	8:30am	Daily	OZ625	7:40pm	1:10am+1	7
LJ652	2:10pm	6:05pm	Daily	OZ625	8:15pm	1:45am+1	1, 2, 3, 4, 5, 6
7C3401	4:00pm	7:45pm	Daily	7C3404	10:10pm	3:40am+1	Daily
SAIPAN-BUSAN (PUS)				BUSAN (PUS)-SAIPAN			
OZ608	3:10am	6:20am	4, 7	OZ607	9:05pm	1:55am+1	3, 6
SAIPAN-SHANGHAI (PVG)				SHANGHAI (PVG)-SAIPAN			
3U8648	6:10am	8:40am	1, 4, 5, 7	3U8647	10:40pm	5:00am+1	3, 4, 6, 7
SAIPAN-BEIJING (PEK)				BEIJING (PEK)-SAIPAN			
MU764	1:30am	6:35am	3, 5, 7	MU763	4:40pm	12:30am+1	2, 4, 6
SAIPAN-GUANGZHOU (CAN)				GUANGZHOU (CAN)-SAIPAN			
3U8646	4:20am	7:30am	2, 6	3U8645	7:40pm	3:00am+1	1, 5
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UA2924/PR111	4:15am	9:15am	Daily via GUM	PR1571	9:20pm	3:35am+1	3, 7
PR1572	4:35am	6:45am	1, 4	UA192/2925	9:45pm	8:05am+1	2, 5 via ROR-GUM
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UA2921/159	1:30pm	9:55pm	1, 5 via Rota-GUM	OZ722/625	1:10pm	1:45am+1	1, 2, 3, 4, 5, 6 via ICN
UA2920/159	2:20pm	9:55pm	3, 6 via GUM	UA116/2925	9:55pm	8:05am+1	1, 3, 5, 6 via GUM
HX076	5:30pm	12:30am+1	3, 7				

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SAIPAN TO ROTA		
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ROTA TO SAIPAN		
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Nami Restaurant serving up locally sourced ingredients

Nami Restaurant, a small yet energetic restaurant right in the heart of Garapan, is serving locally sourced Certified Angus Beef in its dishes like the famous Beef Curry and Gyūdon bowls.

The owner, Osamu Taniguchi, first came to Saipan in 1992 from Tokyo, Japan.

Being the owner of three successful restaurants, he decided to open Nami in 2013, which originally served more traditional French-inspired dishes such as pork satay and French style steak.

After Typhoon Soudelor, Nami was forced to close for repairs as they had no power



Nami Restaurant's famous Beef Curry bowl.

CONTRIBUTED PHOTOS



Nami Restaurant's famous Gyūdon bowl.

or water. After clearing the debris, Taniguchi decided to change the concept of Nami to include more local flavors. He added the Beef Curry to the menu three weeks after re-opening and now it's the most popular dish on the menu.

"Taniguchi San's passion for using local produce and products in his dishes is di-

rectly aligned with the Certified Angus Beef brand," said Jay Santos, general manager of Five Star Wholesale Foods and Triple J Saipan Truckload store. "He's a really inspiring restaurant owner."

Taniguchi stated, "I want to serve the freshest ingredients at all my restaurants. Certified Angus Beef is the best, that's



Nami Restaurant owner Osamu Taniguchi.

why I use it at Casa Urashima, Grotto, and Nami Restaurant."

Nami is open from 11am to 2pm for lunch and 5pm to 9pm for dinner. With their extensive menu, which includes,

tuna and rice bowls as well as braised short ribs and Gyūdon bowls, Nami joins the elite and growing restaurant group serving Certified Angus Beef on Saipan. **(PR)**

LETTER TO THE EDITOR

Not just a simple wage issue

With one member of the Legislature proposing a wage hike to federal standard, another proposing legislation to give tax incentives to businesses hiring a number and kinds of people, yet another proposing to require employers doing business with the government to pay the CNMI prevailing wage, I am wondering why you gentlemen cannot bring yourselves to the same table with the governor's secretaries of Labor, Commerce, and the Civil Service Commission to try and figure out the best way to address living conditions in the CNMI.

You all seem to think that this is a simple wage issue. It is not, and if done right, we may actually come out generally better than before.

While I applaud the proposal to give tax incentives to businesses hiring U.S. citizens, I do find that the requirement of the number of NMDs that should be hired imposes a greater challenge to the businesses for it ignores the fact that many of our most qualified workers are not here. They are working somewhere else where their financial livelihood is a lot better than here. Furthermore, why 10 percent of the 60 percent? Is it because you do not have faith in your own people or you truly do believe that they are not here and will not come back? Please, offer a certain amount of rebate for a certain number of U.S. citizens hired, instead. I also recommend to limit these incentives to smaller businesses as they will be most affected by this transition. The larger corporations have already more than adequate—too much, in fact—tax incentives. They do not need more. They are supposed to be the pioneers of human/social-economic development as leaders of this community and should be part of their corporate social responsibility policy.

The minimum wage increase leaving construction workers out of the mainstream is highly prejudicial and should be carefully scrutinized for possible violation of constitutional rights. In fact, it does not even make any sense at all. To have menial workers such as janitors, waiters, and front desk or office clerks earn more than construction workers who are trained, skilled, and experienced is defeating efforts to direct young people to earn certificates and work in the construction industry. It is devaluing the skills that takes years to learn in both institutional instruction and hands on experience.

The legislation proposing to mandate prevailing wages for those employees hired to perform and deliver government contracts is a slap on the face to those government employees who are barely above the current minimum wage as well as those who are employed in companies that do not have government contracts.

There are contradicting research out there stating that increasing minimum wages may or may not result in loss of jobs. The economists used a variety of methods to gather information and come up with their conclusions based on the information they gathered, and there exists conflicting results. One group says it affects unemployment while the

other says no, it does not have any discernible effect, and yet another group says, it has zero effect. So now we are left to ourselves to determine what to do with our situation.

The way I see it is there are critical factors that we need to take into consideration that are not and never have been a part of these research: 1) Majority of the jobs in the CNMI are occupied by foreign workers who are not qualified to work in the United States under H visas. 2) These jobs are menial jobs such as janitors, clerks, waiters, stockers, cashiers, and, unfortunately here in the CNMI, carpenters, masons, machinists, mechanics, heavy equipment operators, etc., and 3) There is a great disparity between government employee wages and private sector wages to include benefits (this was critically left out in the 2008 economic impact and should now be addressed).

There are also other major critical economic factors that these studies did not include but is the major part of our economy. 1) Ninety percent or more of the businesses are foreign owned, including the mom-and-pop stores, tour agents, transportation services (illegal though it may be, and everyone knows it), employment or HR services, etc. 2) There is no data to see if these outfits are in fact legitimately registered or operated by E2C investors or whether they are CW workers using U.S. citizen agents or "legally licensed owners" to avoid forking out \$150,000 to invest in their business operation. My guess is the departments of Commerce, Finance, and Labor never compared notes. Mind you, by the Department of Labor's own report and gathered from USCIS' report, there are 1,744 CW employees without specific job category. Who are they and what exactly are they doing here? Are they employing other CW workers who should not be working for them or are actually not working for them? I am sure that if there is real effort to crackdown on these and other undesirable or illegal claims we can find more CW workers who should not be here and do not qualify for CW status and, more importantly, should not be counted as needed!

How sustainable is our economy then when not only is our main tourism industry and nearly all service providers are foreigners employing foreigners? How can you take this picture and fit them into reports on economic effects of wages based on studies made in the United States where the economy is based on companies owned by U.S. citizens employing U.S. citizens/legal residents? Where are the U.S. citizens in the CNMI economy and how are their lives and employment being affected by these factors? Are we going to worry about the loss of jobs of foreign workers or should we worry about the displacement or alienation of citizens in this economy?

Here are some of my recommendations: Crackdown on all questionable CW permit holders. I am sure there are many of them out there. Find out where our people are and why are they where they are at. What would it take to bring them back home? Establish a uniform code and pay grade for all job categories based on the prevailing wage and elevate commensurate edu-

cation, skills, and experience. Without this compulsion nothing will change and the "one wage fits all" will continue, except of course, the poor construction workers, if you push through with your discriminating proposal. Stop major developments at this level or scale down a little and force Chinese-owned construction companies employing Chinese construction workers to replace them with eligible H visa workers. Encourage small businesses to replace questionable mom-and-pop stores, restaurants, tour agents, etc. Have the CNMI transportation bid out public transportation service to connect inner residents to the main route. Encourage businesses to implement apprentice program in partnership with NMTI and shadow training. Increase the income threshold to qualify for social benefits such as food stamps and housing, except for the disabled. Control housing cost to make sure no one is homeless. Condemn unsafe buildings to make sure ghettos do not erupt into existence — not that it does not exist — but the idea is to get rid of them. Merge government and private sector medical and life insurance benefits so cost can be affordable. And, impose food stamp refund by garnishing income tax refund/rebate on parents whose children are living separately with the other parents on welfare and not claiming child support income.

In the end, these do not only help foreign workers truly realize their dream and may be more amenable to leaving in three years after saving real and hard earned money, but most importantly it will bring back many of our own people.

I am sure I am missing some or more things. However, all of these are interconnected, and it basically starts at earning a living instead of exploiting lives! And, maybe you all can do better with all the resources available to you that I do not have to really figure things out. These are just a few of my ideas. The work is yours, because you are elected and paid to do this. I am just your voting constituent who is demanding for our people to live well, without political intervention, in what should be our own economy and our own home! We, the people of these islands, are drowning in the economy that you all have allowed to engulf us. Give us the lifejackets to stay afloat please.

And lastly, I am reading reports on budget amendments and supplements. Please stop trying to amass political support by increasing government employment, especially those unnecessary employees directly under your wings. It is time for people to earn a life without your manipulations! Stop the handouts and make people work for a living. Choke the spoil system. The economic benefit should go directly to the people and not through politicians. In the end, you will find that you will not need to be directly involved in solving people's personal problems. You all will be free from the same noose you wrap around people's necks!

Juanita M. Mendiola
Via email

Business

Netflix facing tougher times as US subscriber growth slows

SAN FRANCISCO (AP)—After years of spectacular success, Netflix is starting to hit some potholes. The high-flying internet video service added only 160,000 U.S. subscribers from April through June, its lowest gain in the period since splitting up its video-streaming and DVD-by-mail services five years ago.

In addition to the U.S. slowdown, Netflix is wrestling with an ambitious international expansion amid stiffening competition, challenges that came into sharper focus Monday with the release of its second-quarter earnings. CEO Reed Hastings blamed the disappointing performance on cancellations by subscribers facing price increases of as much as \$2 per month, following the expiration of a two-year rate freeze.

"People don't like price increases, we know that," Hastings said during a webcast reviewing the second quarter. "It is a necessary phase we must get through."

HIGHER PRICES, MORE COMPETITION

Analysts estimate that more than 20 million subscribers may be hit with a price increase between June and the end of this year. Netflix hasn't quantified how many people will be affected, but cited the price increases as one reason it predicts it will add just 300,000 U.S. subscribers in the third quarter—down from a gain of 880,000 at the same time last year.

The fallout from those phased-in price increases has been compounded by intensifying competition that now provide consumers an array of alternative streaming-video options.

Netflix fared better outside the U.S., but its second-quarter gain of 1.5 million interna-



This June 24, 2015, file photo, shows the Netflix Apple TV app icon, in South Orange, N.J. Netflix reports financial results on Monday, July 18, 2016.

tional subscribers still missed management's projections.

The company's stock shed \$13.16, or 13 percent, to \$85.65 in after-hours trading. If that loss extends into Tuesday, Netflix shares will have lost about a quarter of their value so far this year. That's a harsh comedown for a stock that's been a Wall Street star since bottoming out at roughly \$7 on a split-adjusted basis about four years ago.

A VICTIM OF SUCCESS

In a way, Netflix is a victim of its own success. With 47.1 million U.S. subscribers already signed up in the U.S., where they pay \$8 to \$12 per month, the company is having more trouble finding new households interested in anteing up.

Beyond the U.S., the Los Gatos, California, company is sustaining significant losses as it ramps up its business in 189 other countries. Among other things, Netflix has to amass a diverse collection of TV shows and films that will appeal to new audiences speaking a variety of different languages and with divergent tastes.

Its international operations

lost \$69 million in the second quarter, or an average of about \$2 per overseas subscriber. By contrast, Netflix's U.S. streaming service contributed a profit of \$414 million, or about \$9 per subscriber.

After factoring in its still highly profitable but steadily shrinking DVD-by-mail service and various operating expenses, Netflix earned \$41 million, or 9 cents per share, in the second quarter. That nearly tripled its profit of \$14 million at the same time last year.

Revenue for the period increased 28 percent from last year to \$2.1 billion, driving in part by Netflix's higher prices.

FIRST MOVER NO MORE

Until recently, Netflix had been capitalizing on its "first mover" advantage—technology parlance for innovators that embrace a new concept ahead of the pack.

Its head start in internet video meant Netflix was able to license previously released TV series and films at relatively inexpensive rates, in part because studios hadn't yet realized how valuable streaming rights would become.

resolution to its probe into the conduct of network chief Roger Ailes, who is accused by a former network anchor of forcing her out because she refused to have sex with him. The statement from 21st Century Fox on Monday came in response to a New York magazine story that said, citing anonymous sources, that company heads Rupert Murdoch and his sons, Lachlan and James, had decided to remove Ailes. "This matter is not yet resolved and the review is not concluded," 21st Century Fox said.

writing down \$482 million in charges related to the declining value of Tumblr, the social-blogging service that Yahoo acquired for \$1.1 billion in 2013. Combined with an earlier write-down of \$230 million, that indicates Tumblr's value has plunged by almost two-thirds.

Fox News parent says Roger Ailes investigation not resolved

NEW YORK (AP)—Fox News Channel's parent company says there has been no

Nation

Melania Trump ignites GOP convention after gloom, turmoil

CLEVELAND (AP)—After a harsh primary, Republicans kicked off Donald Trump's general election campaign with a warm and personal validation from his wife, Melania Trump, who emotionally assured GOP convention delegates and voters across the country that the brash candidate has the character and determination to unite a divided nation.

"If you want someone to fight for you and your country, I can assure you, he is the guy," Mrs. Trump told delegates in her highest profile appearance of the presidential campaign. But her well-received address was marred by two passages with similarities to a speech first lady Michelle Obama delivered at the 2008 Democratic convention.

Trump's campaign responded in a statement that

said her "immigrant experience and love for America shone through in her speech." The statement didn't mention Mrs. Obama. "In writing her beautiful speech, Melania's team of writers took notes on her life's inspirations, and in some instances included fragments that reflected her own thinking," Trump spokesman Jason Miller said.

Even so, Mrs. Trump's remarks were a sharp contrast to the night's other speakers, who painted a bleak picture of a nation gripped by insecurity. The speeches were also filled with harsh criticism of Democrat Hillary Clinton, with delegates chanting "lock her up."

The evening's "Make America Safe Again" theme took on new resonance given the nation's unsettlingly violent summer. A parade of

speakers told detailed stories about deadly combat missions and loved ones killed at the hands of people in the United States illegally. And they cast the turbulent times as a direct result of weak leadership by President Barack Obama and Clinton, who spent four years in the administration.

"Who would trust Hillary Clinton to protect them? I wouldn't," Former New York City Mayor Rudy Giuliani said in one of the night's most fiery addresses.

Trump himself made a brief, but showy, entrance at the convention to introduce his wife. Emerging from shadows, he declared, "We're going to win, we're going to win so big." Trump returned to the stage after his wife's remarks, greeting her warmly with a kiss and cheering her on along with the crowd.

Clinton condemns shooting of Baton Rouge officers

CINCINNATI (AP)—Hillary Clinton on Monday called for an end to the "madness" after the death of three law enforcement officers in Baton Rouge, Louisiana, condemning a series of recent shootings involving police and vowing to hold those who kill police officers legally accountable.

"They represent the rule of law itself. If you take aim at that and at them you take aim at all of us," Clinton told civil rights activists at the annual convention of the NAACP. "There can be no justification, no looking the other way."

The Democratic presidential candidate condemned the killing of three Louisiana law

enforcement officers, the latest in a recent string of shootings involving black men in Louisiana and Minnesota and police officers in Dallas.

"We have difficult, painful, essential work ahead of us to repair the bonds between our police and our communities and between and among each other," she said.

A former Marine ambushed police in Baton Rouge on Sunday, killing three law enforcement officers in the attack. Three other officers were wounded, one critically. The shooting was the fourth high-profile deadly encounter involving police over the past two weeks.

Clinton also acknowledged

that the violence has gone both ways. "Another hard truth at the heart of this complex matter is that many African-Americans fear the police," she said. "I can hear you."

Clinton has proposed a series of reforms to the criminal justice system, including developing national guidelines on the use of force by police, new investments in bias training, legislation to end racial profiling and funding for body cameras. She has also pushed for cutting mandatory minimum sentences, particularly for drug offenses, and providing better support to help the formerly incarcerated find jobs after prison.

'Sheer brutality': Police detail Baton Rouge shooting scene

BATON ROUGE, La. (AP)—The horrific scene unfolded in a matter of minutes, a black-clad man with military training stalking law enforcement officers and ignoring horrified onlookers as he shot anyone he could find wearing a badge.

Police say Gavin Long, 29, of Kansas City, Missouri, brazenly prowled a crime scene of hundreds of yards around a cluster of nondescript buildings along a busy highway, rifle pointed straight ahead as he sought targets.

And they say he shot to kill.

"It is chilling in the sheer brutality," Louisiana State Police Col. Mike Edmonson said Monday, describing surveillance videos that recorded

Long as he gunned down three law enforcement officers Sunday and wounded three more before he was shot and killed. "These officers were intentionally targeted and assassinated. It was a calculated act."

Two of the slain officers were from the Baton Rouge Police Department: 32-year-old Montrell Jackson and 41-year-old Matthew Gerald. The third was a deputy with the East Baton Rouge Parish Sheriff's Office, 45-year-old Brad Garafola.

Officials provided the first detailed accounts of the shooting scene Monday, using a map to describe the chaotic shootout with Long. Baton Rouge Police Chief Carl Dabadie wouldn't say

who was shot at which location, and he hasn't named his wounded officer.

Carrying two rifles and a pistol, Long parked his car near a beauty supply store mid-morning. Gun raised and faced partially covered with a ski mask, he approached a parked police car at the gas station and convenience store next door—only to find the unit empty. Authorities believe the first 911 call came in, reporting a "dude with a rifle," as he returned to his car.

Undeterred, Long located another possible target at a nearby car wash. But again he was thwarted. Edmonson said by the time the former Marine parked his car, the officer there had driven away.

BUSINESS BRIEFS

Yahoo reports another big loss, writes down Tumblr value

SAN FRANCISCO (AP)—Yahoo's latest earnings report leaves no doubt the internet company is stuck in a downward spiral. The company managed to beat Wall Street's limited expectations for revenue in the April-June quarter. But after subtracting commissions paid to its partners, Yahoo said its revenue fell 19 percent from a year earlier, while its loss widened to \$440 million. Yahoo also reported Monday that it's

World

China to close part of South China Sea for military exercise

BEIJING (AP)—China is closing off a part of the South China Sea for military exercises this week, the government said Monday, days after an international tribunal ruled against Beijing's claim to ownership of virtually the entire strategic waterway.

Hainan's maritime administration said an area southeast of the island province would be closed from Monday to Thursday, but gave no details about the nature of the exercises. The navy and Defense Ministry had no immediate comment.

Six governments claim territory in the South China Sea, although the area where the Chinese naval exercises are being held is not considered a particular hotspot. China's navy and coast guard operate extensively throughout the South China Sea and regularly stage live firing exercises in the area.

The announcement of the drills came in the middle of a three-day visit to China by the U.S. Navy's top admiral, Chief of Naval Operations Adm.



AP
In this undated photo released by Xinhua News Agency, a Chinese H-6K bomber patrols the islands and reefs in the South China Sea.

John Richardson, to discuss the South China Sea dispute and ways to boost interactions between the two militaries.

Although the tribunal's ruling was likely to be raised in Richardson's discussions, the head of the Chinese navy,

Adm. Wu Shengli, did not mention it directly in opening remarks before reporters at a meeting Monday between the two men at navy headquarters in Beijing.

State broadcaster CCTV later reported that Wu reiterated China's determination to defend all of its territorial claims in the South China Sea and would not permit its interests to be infringed on, a standard position for Chinese officials.

China rejected last Tuesday's ruling by the Hague-based Permanent Court of Arbitration in a case initiated by the Philippines, and refused to take part in the arbitration. It asserts that islands in the South China Sea are "China's inherent territory," and says it could declare an air defense identification zone over the waters if it felt threatened.

In the days following the

ruling, Beijing landed two civilian aircraft on new airstrips on disputed Mischief and Subi reefs and dispatched its coast guard to block Philippine fishing boats from a contested shoal.

In a further development, Chinese air force spokesman Shen Jinke was quoted by state media as saying that air force fighters and bombers had recently conducted patrols over the South China Sea and would make that "a regular practice" in future.

The tribunal ruled that China violated international maritime law by building up artificial islands in the South China Sea that destroyed coral reefs, and by disrupting fishing and oil exploration.

China's island development has inflamed regional tensions, with many fearing that Beijing will use the construction of new islands complete with airfields and military facilities to extend its military reach and perhaps try to restrict navigation.

Several times in the past year, U.S. warships have deliberately sailed close to one of those islands to exercise freedom of navigation and challenge the claims. In response, China has deployed fighter jets and ships to track and warn off the American ships, and accused the U.S. of threatening its national security.

PH rejects China talks not based on sea feud ruling

MANILA, Philippines (AP)—The Philippines' top diplomat said Tuesday he has rejected a Chinese government offer to hold talks "outside of and in disregard" of an international tribunal's ruling last week that debunked Beijing's claim to ownership of virtually the entire South China Sea.

Foreign Secretary Perfecto Yasay Jr. said he told his Chinese counterpart, Wang Yi, that China's condition "was not consistent with our constitution and our national in-

terest," adding Wang warned that if the Philippines insists on China's compliance to the decision, "we might be headed for a confrontation."

During talks on the sidelines of last weekend's Asia-Europe meeting in Mongolia, Yasay said Wang insisted that the Philippines should not even "make any comments" on the landmark decision by the Permanent Court of Arbitration in The Hague.

Wang "asked us also to open ourselves for bilateral negotiations but outside of

and in disregard of the arbitral ruling, so this is something that I told him was not consistent with our constitution and our national interest," Yasay told the ABS-CBN network.

"They said that if you will insist on the ruling and discussing it along those lines, then we might be headed for a confrontation," he said.

Despite the seeming impasse, Yasay said he was still hopeful both countries can find a way to resolve the long-seething dispute.

French authorities paint complex picture of attacker

PARIS (AP)—Authorities investigating the truck driver who killed 84 people in a Bastille Day attack painted a complex picture Monday of a man who did not seem devout but had recently become interested in jihadi violence and researched past attacks in France and the United States, including one on a gay nightclub in Orlando.

Paris prosecutor Francois Molins, who oversees terrorism investigations, said by all accounts Mohamed Lahouaiej Bouhlel drank, ate pork and had an "unbridled sex life." But his computer and phone showed online searches relating to IS and other jihadi groups.

"A search of his computer illustrates a clear ... and re-

cent interest in radical jihadism," Molins said, adding that Bouhlel had recently grown a beard and told people it was for religious reasons. While officials have said the attack was obviously premeditated, they have not found any evidence that Bouhlel had coordinated with an extremist network.

Internet searches on Bouhlel's computer included Islamic propaganda chants, the terms "horrible deadly accidents," and the recent attacks against the gay nightclub in Orlando, police officers in Dallas, and the killing of two police officials in Magnanville, outside of Paris.

One witness told authorities that Bouhlel seemed accustomed to looking at decapita-

tion videos, Molins said.

As investigators continue to look into the attacker's motives, his uncle in Tunisia, Sadok Bouhlel, told The Associated Press his nephew had been indoctrinated about two weeks ago by an Algerian member of the Islamic State group in Nice. He said Bouhlel's family problems—he was estranged from his wife and three children—made him easy prey for the Algerian recruiter.

"Mohamed didn't pray, didn't go to the mosque and ate pork," said the uncle, a 69-year-old retired teacher, in the driver's hometown of Msaken, Tunisia. The uncle said he learned about the Algerian recruiter from extended family members who live in Nice.

WORLD BRIEFS

PH court clears Arroyo of plunder, orders her freed

MANILA, Philippines (AP)—The Philippine Supreme Court on Tuesday dismissed a plunder charge against former President Gloria Macapagal Arroyo, ordering her immediate release from nearly five years of hospital detention. Supreme Court spokesman Theodore Te said the 15 justices voted 11-4 to grant Arroyo's petition seeking the dismissal of the plunder case before an anti-graft court because of a lack of evidence. The case involved the alleged misuse of 366 million pesos (\$7.8 million) of Philippine Charity Sweepstakes Office fund. The 69-year-old Arroyo, who is suffering from a neck ailment, finished her tumultuous nine-year term in 2010, but was arrested the following year on an election fraud charge, for which she was allowed to post bail. She was later charged with plunder. Despite her detention, she was re-elected to Congress in May.

Seoul says North Korea has fired 3 missiles into sea

SEOUL, South Korea (AP)—North Korea on Tuesday fired three ballistic missiles into its eastern sea in an apparent protest of South Korea's decision to allow the deployment of an advanced U.S. missile defense system in the country, Seoul officials said. The missiles launched from a western North Korea town flew across the country before crashing into

the waters off its east coast, Seoul's Joint Chiefs of Staff said in a statement. Two of them flew about 500 to 600 kilometers (310 to 375 miles), displaying a sufficient range to reach entire South Korea, JCS spokesman Jeon Ha Gyu said. He said South Korea's military was analyzing how far the third missile flew. An earlier JCS statement said all three flew about 500 to 600 kilometers.

Reports: 26 killed as Taiwan tour bus bursts into flames

TAIPEI, Taiwan (AP)—A tour bus carrying visitors from mainland China burst into flames on a busy highway near Taiwan's capital on Tuesday, killing 26 people, Taiwanese media said. The accident took place on the No. 2 national highway in Taoyuan county, south of Taipei, the official Central News Agency and others reported. The website of Taiwan's China Times newspaper said those aboard were tourists from China's Liaoning province, but officials have not confirmed that. The paper said no one aboard made it off the burning bus. The Central News Agency and others reported that the bus apparently smashed into a roadside barrier and caught fire, although the exact sequence of events wasn't immediately clear. Photos from the scene showed flames and thick black smoke pouring from the cab of the bus. Taoyuan fire department official Zeng Hao said by phone that the total number of dead and injured was still being compiled.

Focus

Tensions with West rise as Turkey continues purge

ANKARA, Turkey (AP)—The purging of thousands of alleged plotters of a failed coup raised tensions Monday between Turkey and the West, with U.S. and European officials urging restraint, while Ankara insisted that Washington extradite an exile accused of orchestrating the plot.

Authorities have fired nearly 9,000 police officers, bureaucrats and others, while detaining thousands more alleged to have been involved in Friday night's attempted coup, the state-run Anadolu news agency reported.

Former air force commander Akin Ozturk, alleged to be the ringleader of the uprising, was put under arrest following questioning by a magistrate along with 25 other suspects, the news agency said. Ozturk, who has denied involvement and insisted he had tried to suppress the rebellion, appeared in video from Turkish TV looking bruised with a bandage over his ear.

President Recep Tayyip Erdogan refused to rule out bringing back the death penalty, telling the U.S. cable TV station CNN in an interview via a government translator, "There is a clear crime of treason." He added that it would be up to parliament to decide.

"if they accept to discuss it then I as president will approve any decision that comes out of the parliament," he said. He said Turks have been calling for the reinstatement of the death penalty because of the increased terror attacks and demand for swift justice.

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During the uprising by a faction of the military, warplanes fired on government buildings and tanks rolled into the streets of major cities before the rebellion was put down by forces loyal to the government and pro-Erdogan civilians who took to the streets. The top brass did not support the coup.

Erdogan told CNN that he escaped death by only a few minutes before coup plotters stormed the resort in southwest Turkey where he was vacationing last weekend when the coup unfolded.

He said soldiers supporting the coup killed two of his bodyguards when they stormed the resort early Saturday.

"Had I stayed 10, 15 addi-



People light flares as they gather in Taksim Square in Istanbul, protesting against the attempted coup, Monday, July 18, 2016.

tional minutes, I would have been killed or I would have been taken," he told CNN.

Revealing new details of the night of the coup, Erdogan said the renegade soldiers were in control of the command and control towers at Istanbul's Ataturk International Airport for hours before forces loyal to the president were able to regain control. He said that about 10,000 supporters were at the airport to greet him when his plane landed.

He also said that power was shut off at all military bases, including the Incirlik air base in southern Turkey used by the U.S.-led coalition jets fighting the Islamic State group, because the military didn't want to risk having the conspirators use them.

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tors were loyal to moderate cleric Fethullah Gulen, a former Erdogan ally who lives in exile in Saylorsburg, Pennsylvania, and espouses a philosophy that blends a mystical form of Islam with democracy.

Erdogan has often accused Gulen of trying to overthrow the government, and Turkey has demanded his extradition, labeling his movement a terrorist organization and putting him on trial in absentia. Gulen strongly denies the government's charges and has suggested that Friday's attempted coup could have been staged, as a pretext for the Erdogan government to seize even more power.

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Erdogan said an official formal request will be conveyed to the United States demanding the extradition of Gulen.

"Even if he is a citizen of the U.S., the U.S. should not keep such a terrorist," Erdogan told CNN. He said if Gulen is on Turkey's terrorist list that should be enough for the U.S. to extradite him.

Yildirim said the normal U.S. legal processes would not be good enough.

"We would be disillusioned and would question our friendship if our friends were to say to us 'Show us the evidence.' despite all the efforts ... to eradicate the elected government and the national will of

a country," he said, while adding that the Justice Ministry was preparing documents to send to the United States.

Over the weekend, Turkey responded to the coup attempt by rounding up some 6,000 people, including hundreds of judges and prosecutors.

Reacting to the large number of arrests in the military and the judiciary, as well as Erdogan's suggestion that Turkey could bring back the death penalty, Western officials were urging Turkey to maintain the rule of law.

Earnest said President Barack Obama would call Erdogan soon to reiterate U.S. support for Turkey's democratically elected civilian government and make the case for restraint and respect for the freedoms enshrined in the Turkish constitution.

EU foreign policy chief Federica Mogherini said at a news conference with U.S. Secretary of State John Kerry that the coup "is no excuse to take the country away from fundamental rights and the rule of law, and we will be extremely vigilant on that."

Kerry added that Turkey must "uphold the highest standards for the country's democratic institutions and the rule of law."

While he recognized the need to apprehend the coup plotters, Kerry said: "We caution against a reach that goes beyond that."

Mogherini said the talks on Turkey's bid to join the European Union would end if Ankara restores the death penalty. That message was echoed by Germany, the EU's biggest state.

"The institution of the death penalty can only mean that such a country could not be

a member," Steffen Seibert, spokesman for Chancellor Angela Merkel, said in Berlin.

NATO Secretary-General Jens Stoltenberg, who said he spoke to Erdogan, praised the Turkish people for showing "great courage," but he also said it was essential for the alliance member to "ensure full respect for democracy and its institutions, the constitutional order, the rule of law and fundamental freedoms."

For the fourth night in a row, hundreds took to public squares in major cities, including Istanbul, Ankara and Izmir, in a fresh show of support for the government. They waved Turkish flags, shouted pro-government slogans and sang praise of Erdogan.

Mostafa Minawi, director of the Ottoman and Turkish Studies Initiative at Cornell University, called the failed coup "a gift for President Erdogan, given him all the justification he needs to implement further clamp down measures against any dissenters, in the process sinking Turkey deeper into authoritarianism."

Soguel reported from Istanbul. Desmond Butler in Washington contributed to this report.

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Good Housekeeping

DIGGIN' IN:

Hospital's farmers market, healthy choice

By KATHY VAN MULLEKOM
DAILY PRESS (NEWPORT NEWS, VA.)

NEWPORT NEWS, Va.—A farmers market at a hospital may seem like a strange fit. Riverside Regional Medical Center however, views it as another way of helping people get healthier and happier.

This year's new farmers market is another promising project for Randy Pingley, 45, grounds manager for the hospital in Newport News, Va.

"Riverside is continuously searching for ways to provide healthy alternatives," says Pingley.

"The newest thing is the Riverside Farmers Market. A year ago, Dr. Eric Stone, our associate administrator, came to me with the idea, and sent me numerous articles on this trend in health care, establishing farmers markets on hospital grounds. He wanted our patients, visitors and employees to have the ability to walk outside the hospital and obtain locally grown produce, which is a direct and visual correlation between health, wellness and diet."

Year-round, Pingley sees to the many gardens that embellish the hospital's landscapes. In 2010, Riverside won a Newport News Green Award. In 2013, Riverside placed 14th among the top 20 most beautiful



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What was once an asphalt parking area for contractors is now a green space with a waterfall and stream outside Riverside Regional Medical Center's kitchen/cafeteria renovation.

Randy Pingley, grounds manager for Riverside Regional Medical Center, relaxes beside the koi pond at the Newport News, Va., campus.

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ful hospitals in a 300-hospital competition sponsored by Soliant Health; in 2015, the hospital placed fourth.

Maintaining the hospital's landscapes is more than just cutting and trimming grass. For Pingley, it's about creating gardens that soothe the soul



and entertain the senses.

For instance, there is a koi pond, bridge and patio adjacent to Riverside's entrance.

"It was just a grass area at the front of the hospital par-

lel with the cafeteria," he says.

"I wanted to give people a place to sit and reflect, take a break from being in the hospital — give people a place to walk out and take their children to see the fish."

PINGLEY'S PREFERRED PLANTS

Tulips. They are inexpensive, and provide an instant "wow" factor. "I went to the Keukenhof (tulip capital in Holland) as a young teen and I can remember to this day how in 'awe' I

Flower power color and tropicals embellish a water feature in front of the Riverside Pavilion at Riverside Regional Medical Center in Newport News, Va.

was of the flowers," Pingley says. "When I went to Busch Gardens to work, it was my favorite time to plant. Busch Gardens installed thousands of tulips every fall. It was neat to design my own patterns and combinations. And then you sit and wait to see your results in the spring. At Kingsmill, I worked with a great friend of mine Willem Van Den Akker from Holland to have a tulip named 'Kingsmill,' and it's registered with the National Bulb Society."

Lantana. The plant grows and spreads quickly, and offers continuous blooms throughout the summer. It has no issues with disease or pests, and comes in a good variety of vibrant colors. Some lantana comes back as a perennial.

Loropetalum. The evergreen plant comes in different growing sizes, and features burgundy foliage which is something different from your typical green shrub. There is pretty much a Loropetalum available for any application in your landscape — small low-growing varieties such as Purple Pixie to medium growers like Daruma, Ruby and Blush. Larger varieties like Zhuzhou grow to be 10 feet tall and wide.

Variegated abelias. The semi-evergreen shrub has brightly colored foliage that compliments plants like loropetalums, hollies, boxwoods and nandinas, especially like Kaleidoscope, Radiance, Confetti and Mardi Gras.

Anything tropical. "I love to use tropical plants in all of my landscapes and containers. Hibiscus jumps out as my favorite tropical plant," Pingley says. "I will plant entire flower beds with six-inch multi-colored hibiscus." Other tropical favorites include standard patio tree hibiscus in containers, diplandenias, mandevillas, plumbago, croton and palms.

LIVING SMART: Start planning before building a patio

By TOM LANGE
ANGIE'S LIST

Before paying the deposit to build a new patio, take a moment and step outside.

Look at the paths leading to the backyard. Any trees or bushes blocking access might require trimming or removal to make room for equipment needed for the job.

Also, which way is the wind blowing? That's important to know if you plan to add a barbecue grill, outdoor kitchen or fire pit. Guests won't enjoy spending an evening with smoke in their faces.

The key to building a patio that holds up for years involves creating a detailed plan before breaking ground. A qualified contractor can design that plan, and answer questions you might not think to ask, such as why wind direction matters.

"I've never had one person think (about) which way the wind blows," says Robert Harmon, president of Elite Home Remodeling in Colum-

bus, Ohio.

FINDING AND WORKING WITH A PATIO CONTRACTOR

The right patio contractor should listen to your needs, and create a plan or suggest alternatives. They can also anticipate potential problems before construction begins.

For example, building a patio facing south or west means the sun will bear down in the afternoon, which could cause problems if you plan to regularly cook out in the evening.

A skilled patio contractor can suggest a new spot for the patio, or explain how a pergola or awning provides shade, Harmon says.

"The contractor should be providing different options," Harmon says.

Also, talk with prospective contractors about how the patio could be used in the future.

If you hope to eventually build an outdoor kitchen or connect a grill to natural gas, consider adding a natural gas

line as part of the project. Otherwise, you might have to break apart and rebuild the patio in the future.

Be cautious of contractors who try to talk you into a vastly different project without providing an explanation, or quote a price without providing specifics about the job.

Vet potential contractors by looking at their previous work. Then, ask about the cost, time and types of labor involved.

HARDSCAPING OFTEN LEADS TO LANDSCAPING

Before construction begins, take your lawn and landscaping into consideration.

Contractors likely won't be driving concrete trucks into your backyard, but they will use heavy equipment to help with digging and gravel placement. This equipment can range between six and eight feet wide and weigh 5,000 and 10,000 pounds, says Will Mattingly, head of operations for Mattingly Con-



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A properly placed patio can become the epicenter of your backyard.

crete Inc. in Indianapolis.

Making enough room for that equipment often means clearing trees, bushes and other items from the path to the backyard. Laying plywood strips can limit damage to the lawn, though grass seed, straw or topsoil might also be needed to repair damaged sections of grass, Mattingly and Harmon say.

"Typically, with almost any patio project, a small- to medium-size landscaping project should be anticipated when

the project is complete," Mattingly says.

INFORM YOUR NEIGHBORS

Lastly, tell your neighbors about the project.

Building a patio can be as invasive as installing a pool. It's best to address concerns your neighbors have about how the project could affect their properties.

"You really want to keep your neighbors happy while you're doing these projects," Mattingly says. =

Life & Style

As divided US views conventions, NBC promotes Olympic unity

NEW YORK (AP)—Disillusionment. Fear. Rage.

In a divided America, the political conventions are sure to arouse those sensations among the millions of viewers tuned in. Then in a commercial break, an electric guitar will blare the final lines of the “The Star-Spangled Banner” over images of a diverse group of U.S. athletes tearing up as they heard their national anthem during 2012 Olympic medal ceremonies.

The words flash by on the screen, white on a black background, between the shots of sobbing and beaming champions: “FOR 17 DAYS ... WE ARE ALL ... UNITED.” The 30-second spot closes with a rising American flag, the graphic for NBC’s Rio Games coverage and the date of the opening ceremony.

NBC is buying ad time on other networks during both conventions the next two weeks, seeking a receptive audience for a not-so-subtle message.

“The country is more partisan, seemingly, than it’s ever been,” said John Miller, the chief marketing officer for NBC Olympics. “And for 17 days, we say we’re all united. For 17 days, we all root for Team USA. We’ve got to put everything aside for a minute.”

The ad debuted March 15, the day of crucial primaries in Ohio and Florida, and aired on CNN and Fox News along with NBC networks. It appeared frequently during NBC’s coverage of the Olympic trials, but it will again accompany non-sports fare at the conventions.

“Any place they’re talking about politics, that’s the spot we’re going to run,” Miller told The Associated Press last week.

With so much bleak news over the past few weeks—terrorist attacks, shootings and political division—another NBC ad promotes the message of global unity, with athletes narrating scenes of competitors from different countries embracing.

“I don’t know of anything else in the world,” the voiceover goes, “that brings people together and empowers people so purely as the Olympics does.”

The motivation for NBC in these spots isn’t just to lure in viewers hoping for a break from the news of the day. It’s also to seek to frame the Olympics as a “pure,” inspiring event amid the troubles swirling around the Rio

Games—from the Zika virus to Brazilian political turmoil, from polluted waters to doping scandals.

Miller, once the executive behind NBC’s classic “must-see TV” campaign, was looking to counteract those sorts of concerns before the 2008 Games when he first produced an ad with these themes. Beijing brought its own set of worries, from human rights issues to air pollution.

This is the part of the story where Miller mentions Yoko Ono. He went to John Lennon’s widow to buy the rights to “Imagine” for a 60-second spot with a message of global unity.

NBC tested the commercial with potential viewers, and Miller expected it to do well with an older audience. The way the network sells advertising for the Olympics, what matters is the number of households tuned in more than the demographics. So Miller wouldn’t have been too alarmed if the spot captivated older viewers but flopped with younger ones.

“I specifically made it a little schmaltzy to capture that older audience,” he recalled.

To his shock, the ad, while popular with all ages, tested best with the 18-to-34-year-old range. As he summed up the explanation those younger viewers would relate: “The country had been at war at least half of their memorable lives.”

“That notion of American unity, as well as global unity, is extraordinarily strong and resonates with the young as well as the old,” Miller said. “But it even resonates more strongly with the young.”

So the theme became a valuable one for NBC to promote both Summer and Winter Games, a way to connect with younger viewers who will one day make up the main audience under the network’s lengthy contract to broadcast the Olympics. Miller acknowledged NBC is probably pushing that refrain even harder this time around.

“It seems to be more appropriate now than ever,” he said.

NBC dives deep into its research of Olympic viewership, though it’s never looked specifically into whether depressing news in the real world makes viewers more likely to tune in. As it happens, the Beijing Games marked the start of an upswing for Olympic ratings in the United States.

Jim Bell, the executive producer for NBC Olympics,

doesn’t have any numbers to prove why exactly viewers tune in, but he does know what he keeps hearing from acquaintances who tell him they’re looking forward to the Rio Games: “How they need a break—whether it’s from their job, or the news cycle, or their kids.”



AP
In this Aug. 3, 2012, file photo, Katie Ledecky, of the United States, poses on the podium with her gold medal for the women’s 800-meter freestyle swimming event at the 2012 Summer Olympics in London. Disillusionment.

In Loving Memory of

† Fidel Barcinas Atalig

“De’ or Fidat Rufina”

was called to his eternal rest on Thursday, July 14, 2016

In his new life he now joins his:

Wife: Rufina Delos Santos Atalig

Son: Raymond Delos Santos Atalig

Sisters: Lydia Atalig Taisacan
Antonia Atalig Diaz

Brother: Augusto Barcinas Atalig

Parents: Jose Camacho Atalig yan
Maria Blanco Barcinas Atalig

Parents In-law: Luis Pangelinan Delos Santos
Yan Rufina Celis Delos Santos

Brothers/Sister In-law: Leon Inos Taisacan, Maria Delos Santos Curb, Maxima Celis Delos Santos, Ana Conception Atalig.

His memories will forever live in the hearts of his:

Children & Grandchildren:
Marian A. / Marcelo Kileleman (Keith)
Fidel Jr. / Isabel T. Atalig (Jhaneeka, Delsarae, Maria, Ayanna / Vynzent & Devina)
Joseph/Luisa T. Atalig (Davian)
Dwayne / Kenye A. Atalig (Crystal, Heaven, Diamonique, Angel & Dwayne Jr.)

Brother: Jose Barcinas Atalig (Maria), Calif.

Reared Son: Ronald Atalig Taisacan

In-laws: Ana/Patrick Brockett, Juanita S, Crisostomo, Rosalia/Berno S. Borja, Antonio/Marilyn Santos

My life on earth was very GOOD, As earthly life can go, But paradise is so much more Than anyone can know.

He will be missed by numerous families & friends.

Nightly Mass is being offered at 6pm at Santa Soledad & daily on Rota at San Francisco de Borja Church.

Funeral Services will be held on Friday, July 22, 2016. His remains will be escorted from Nuestra Senora dela Paz Memorial Chapel to Santa Soledad Church at 7:30am. Responso Services and Holy Rosary will take place upon his arrival.

Mass of Christian Burial will be celebrated at 10:00 am, followed by Interment Services at Santuario Pax Memorial Gardens, Kagman, Saipan where he will be laid to peaceful rest.

Thank you, Si Yuus Maase
Children & Family

Media coverage highlights of GOP's first night

By DAVID BAUDER
AP TELEVISION WRITER

A look at the 2016 Republican National Convention through a media lens:

It's a far different experience watching an hour of coverage on the ABC, CBS or NBC broadcast networks or the almost unlimited amount of time on the cable networks or PBS.

Melania Trump's speech about her husband was the centerpiece of the 10 p.m. hour when the broadcasters were on the air, and it consumed much of their attention. Donald Trump made a brief appearance to introduce her, striding onstage to the tune of Queen's "We Are the Champions." ABC teased his appearance as if it was a reality show.

Pundits gave Melania Trump high marks. "She proved to skeptics she could be an asset in this campaign," said CBS' Charlie Rose. She accomplished what she set out to do, said ABC's David Muir.

Former New York Mayor Rudolph Giuliani was speaking as the broadcasters began their coverage, and they treated his appearance almost as an inconvenience. The networks' own people needed airtime, and there were other things to talk about: NBC showed tape of Matt Lauer boarding Trump's plane to interview the prospective first couple.



Meanwhile, the cable networks thoroughly covered Giuliani, as he delivered a ringing attack on President Barack Obama and the presumptive Democratic presidential nominee Hillary Clinton.

REGRETS: MSNBC's Chris Hayes took to Twitter to second-guess himself for not being more forceful questioning Iowa Rep. Steve King's comment, in a panel discussion, questioning whether any other "sub-group" contributed more to civilization than whites. Hayes said he found the no-

tion of debating who contributed more to civilization odious, "but I hear people who think I made the wrong call in the moment. Maybe I did."

CHYRON TIME: Whoever wrote the chyrons—those printed words that run on the bottom of the screen—at CNN had fun when reality star Antonio Sabato Jr. spoke. The printed messages informed viewers that Sabato had a reality show "in which women competed to be his girlfriend." Another mentioned that Sabato's Calvin Klein billboard

hung across from the Trump Tower in the 1990s. "Soap star: I'm concerned about our country's future," read another.

PUSH BACK: Patricia Smith, whose son died in the Benghazi, Libya, attack, said she blamed Clinton, the former secretary of state, for his death and ended an emotional speech by suggesting Clinton should be in jail. Afterward, CNN and MSNBC pushed back. CNN's Jake Tapper quoted Clinton when she had earlier contested some of

Smith's assertions. MSNBC's Chris Matthews said that "It's wrong to have somebody get

up there and tell a lie about Hillary Clinton."

FLOOR FIGHT: The fight by anti-Trump delegates to force a prolonged debate over convention rules was a throwback to a time when the mid-summer party meetings were television shows with unpredictability, genuine conflict and old-fashioned displays of political muscle.

On Fox News, the commotion interrupted a discussion between anchor Stuart Varney and media watchdog Brent Bozell, who agreed the media would portray the convention as a series of confrontations that would reflect ill on Trump. Varney probably didn't expect trouble to erupt so soon on his own network.

First lady's 'Carpool Karaoke' video airing Wednesday



In this June 1, 2016 file photo, first lady Michelle Obama speaks in the East Room of the White House in Washington. Michelle Obama's "Carpool Karaoke" joyride with James Corden will air Wednesday, July 20, on the late-night host's CBS show.

LOS ANGELES (AP)—Michelle Obama's "Carpool Karaoke" joyride with James Corden will air Wednesday on the late-night host's CBS show.

The first lady and Corden sing "This Is For My Girls," described as a "girl power anthem" intended to promote full access to education worldwide.

The song was written by Grammy-winner Diane Warren and includes artists Kelly Clarkson, Missy Elliott, Janelle Monae, Kelly Rowland, Lea Michele and Zendaya.

It was produced by AOL's Makers, a women's leadership platform. A teaser clip for Obama's taped appear-

ance on "The Late Late Show with James Corden" was to be posted Monday night at www.makers.com/thisisformygirls.

AOL wasn't letting on whether any of the pop stars who recorded "This Is For My Girls" will join Obama and Corden in the "Carpool Karaoke" video, which was taped last month in Washington. The song was released in March after the first lady spoke at the South by Southwest festival in Texas.

The tune benefits Let Girls Learn, an initiative launched last year by the first lady and President Barack Obama to address the barriers that keep more than 62 million girls around the world out of school.

'Full Frontal' host Samantha Bee en route to GOP convention

NEW YORK (AP)—It seems everyone has gone to the Republican National Convention.

But Samantha Bee already went to Cleveland and came back home—and lived to tell her audience about it.

"We wanted to get out of the studio, and that's what we did," said Bee from the Manhattan office of her TBS political-and-cultural-humor series, "Full Frontal" (which airs Mondays at 10:30 p.m. EDT).

The result of her odyssey is a half-hour special edition airing Wednesday at 10:30 p.m. EDT, whose extra-specialness is signaled by its title: "A Very Special Full Frontal Special."

"We wanted to do something that's a complete lark and blow out our regular format entirely," said Bee, who otherwise originates from her New York home base.

For the special, Bee and her crew hit the road last week en route to Cleveland to talk to regular Americans along the way (while never crossing paths with big-time pols or



Andy Sandy wears an RNC hat and pair of American flag glasses while walking around, Sunday, July 17, 2016, in Cleveland. The Republican National Convention starts Monday.

pundits or presumptive GOP nominee Donald Trump).

"We went from New York to New Jersey to Pennsylvania to Ohio," said Bee said, tracing their itinerary. "We skipped North Dakota and Florida."

The special will place Bee in the correspondent's role she honed to droll perfection during her dozen years doing reports for "The Daily Show with Jon Stewart."

What did she find out along the way?

"We learned that people

in the real world don't really care that much about what's happening at the convention," she disclosed, bursting out in laughter. "They actually have lives to lead!"

"We talked to some of the loveliest people," she added. "They were very warm and relaxed. We decided we were going to open a bed-and-breakfast in the middle of Pennsylvania and give this all up—possibly."

But not right away.

"Full Frontal," which de-

buted in February, is on a roll with its shrewd and refreshingly distaff take on what's happening in the news. And although it, and Bee, were denied Emmy nominations last week, the show did snag an Emmy nod for best writing.

Bee hopes to do some sort of special pegged to the Democratic convention in Philadelphia, as well.

"Doing this one made us more aware of how much we like getting out of the studio and meeting actual people," she said.

And she isn't done with Cleveland. After Monday's "Full Frontal," she and her team head back to do pieces from the convention as it unfolds. These will air on the show next week.

Asked what she expects from the GOP's shindig, she replied, "I like things as nice and safe as possible. I'm hoping for safeness outside the convention and, within the convention perimeter, spice."

"They're letting us inside!" she chortled. "They gave us credentials! Can you believe it?"

Judge tosses parts of Cosby's lawsuit over secrecy promises

PHILADELPHIA (AP)—A federal judge has pared back a lawsuit in which Bill Cosby claims a woman accusing him of sexual assault, her mother, two lawyers and the publisher of the National Enquirer violated a confidential settlement agreement.

U.S. Judge Eduardo Robreno ruled Friday that the accuser and others could not be sued for talking to law enforcement about her allegations.

The judge said, however, that other aspects of the lawsuit can proceed.

The comedian sued in Feb-



AP
In this May 24, 2016 file photo, Bill Cosby departs the Montgomery County Courthouse after a preliminary hearing, in Norristown, Pa.

lawsuit's claims regarding a separate lawsuit filed by the attorneys against a prosecutor and a letter they wrote that was published in The Philadelphia Inquirer were not thrown out.

American Media, the National Enquirer's publisher, also must still defend allegations it violated the agreement with several stories published over the past year.

Questions of fact remain that should be aired at trial, Robreno ruled. Those questions include "what was already in the public record when the National Enquirer published articles about Cosby" and "Cosby's own actions, and the timing thereof."

Michael J. Fox, Coldplay go 'Back to the Future' at concert

EAST RUTHERFORD, N.J. (AP)—Michael J. Fox joined Coldplay on stage at a New Jersey concert where they paid tribute to "Back to the Future" by playing two songs the actor performed in the iconic 1985 movie.

Fox walked on stage at MetLife Stadium Sunday night just moments after the band showed a video of a fan asking them to play a tune from the "greatest movie of

all time." He then played guitar on the early rock 'n' roll classics "Earth Angel" and "Johnny B. Goode."

Band leader Chris Martin called the moment a "dream come true."

But this wasn't the first time Fox has played with the British pop rockers. They performed together in 2013 at a New York City benefit show for the Michael J. Fox Foundation for Parkinson's Research.

ruary, claiming that all five parties breached a 2006 secrecy deal they had all signed and that the woman's actions have unjustly enriched her.

The confidential settlement agreement is "unenforceable as against public policy" if it

prevents those who signed it from voluntarily talking to law enforcement about possible crimes, Robreno wrote.

The judge dismissed the accuser's mother from the lawsuit as well as all breach-of-contract allegations that relate

to speaking to police about the matter.

Robreno allowed the case to continue regarding recent statements and actions by the accuser—two tweets in early 2014 and a 2015 interview with the Toronto Sun. The

Paramount announces 4th 'Star Trek' film, Hemsworth return

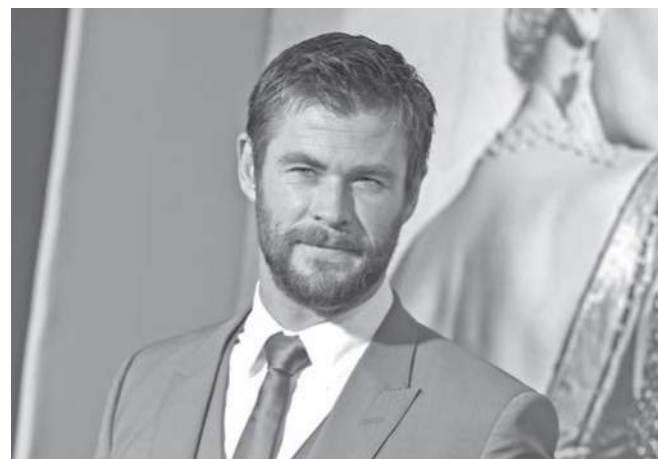
NEW YORK (AP)—Paramount Pictures has announced a fourth "Star Trek" film with Chris Hemsworth returning to the rebooted franchise.

The studio said Monday the next chapter in the sci-fi saga will focus on Chris Pine's Captain Kirk crossing paths with the father he never met. Hemsworth, who appeared in the 2009 "Star Trek," will reprise his role as Kirk's father, George Kirk.

No title or release date was

announced.

The third film the series, "Star Trek Beyond," hits theaters Friday. In that film, "Fast & Furious" director Justin Lin takes over for J.J. Abrams. No director was announced for the next "Star Trek" sequel.



AP
In this April 11, 2016, file photo, Chris Hemsworth arrives at the LA Premiere of "The Huntsman: Winter's War" at the Regency Village Theatre in Los Angeles.

'Shooter' TV show delayed again amid real-life gun violence

LOS ANGELES (AP)—In the wake of continuing real-life gun violence, USA Network says it's postponing the debut of its new series "Shooter" for a second time.

"Shooter" originally was set

to debut Tuesday but was delayed until July 26. The network said Monday that after further consideration, it has rescheduled the premiere for this fall.

USA Network cited the recent tragic events in Dallas and

elsewhere in making its original decision. On Sunday in Baton Rouge, Louisiana, three law enforcement officers were killed and three were wounded in an ambush shooting.

The series stars Ryan Phil-

lippe as a highly decorated ex-marine sniper who is coaxed back into action after he learns about a plot to kill the president. USA says the conspiracy thriller is "ultimately about trust, loyalty and family."

Wife joining the workforce wants her own bank account

DEAR ABBY: My wife and I have been together for eight years. When we first met, I was in the military and she was a bartender. Needless to say, she made far more money than I did at the time. Six months into our relationship, she got pregnant and quit her job. For the next seven years she raised our children and went to school while I did whatever I had to do—working two jobs—to make enough to pay the bills.

I am now out of the military. I have been at a company for six years, and we are finally reaching a point where we don't worry about money as much. She will graduate from school soon, and hopefully start working right after. She now says that when she starts working, she wants to keep separate bank accounts and split the bills evenly based on pay.

Until now, I haven't resented her for not working because she has been caring for our children, our home and has been a full-time student, but the thought of her wanting to keep her money to herself is weird and hurtful to me. How can I bring this up with her without it making it seem like I think she owes me something?

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DEAR SEPARATE ACCOUNTS: Ask your wife why she wants to separate your finances, because marriage is

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My situation is difficult because my wife does not approve, so I try to be discreet. Sometimes I underdress and finish my hair and makeup in the car in a park. Then I'll walk or go shopping. I like people to see me like this. Because they don't know me, I'm sure sometimes they see a man in a dress, but I don't mind.

However, I am always alone in my altered state and all the groups meet at night. I'm a daytime person, and it's much easier to get out as "Sheila" in the late mornings and early afternoons. Is there some way for me to find some groups that meet in the afternoon? Is there someone I can contact? I appreciate your help.

JUST A DREAM

DEAR JUST A DREAM: An organization that has appeared in my column before may be helpful for you. It's the

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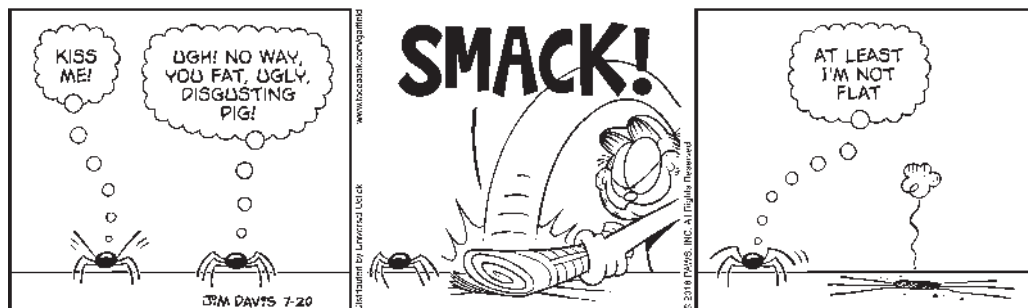
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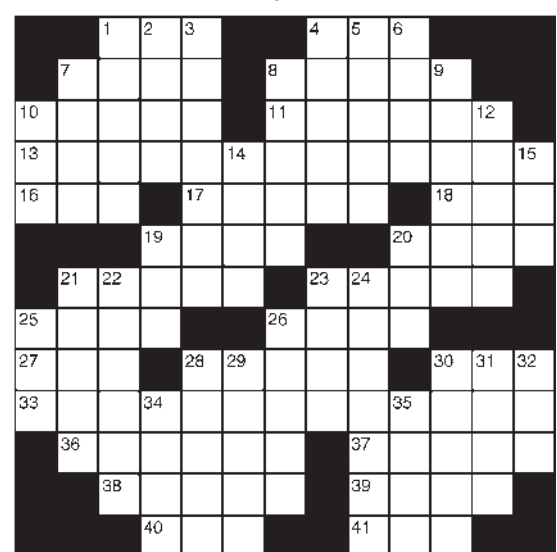
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ARIES (March 21-April 19): Do something you think will help improve your peace of mind, whether it's a retreat, therapy group, or spending time with someone you find encouraging. Romance is in the stars, and expressing your feelings will improve an important relationship. ★★★★★

TAURUS (April 20-May 20): A nonchalant approach will be needed when dealing with others. Patience will help you avoid a situation that has the potential to be upsetting. Put greater emphasis on pampering yourself or spending time with family. ★★

GEMINI (May 21-June 20): As long as you keep your spending in check, you'll have a super day. Stick close to home or spend time with someone you love. Seek out free or affordable activities that you can enjoy together. ★★★★★

CANCER (June 21-July 22): Expand your environment or clear a space to pursue your creative projects. Don't feel like

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VIRGO (Aug. 23-Sept. 22): You have more options than you realize. Offering help to others will result in getting something you need in return. An emotional plea will encourage you to try something new. Don't let uncertainty cloud your vision. Ask questions and make a decision. ★★★

LIBRA (Sept. 23-Oct. 22): Plan to get out and have fun. Make plans that include the people you enjoy being with the most. An update to your appearance or an enlightening revelation will improve your life choices. ★★★★★

SCORPIO (Oct. 23-Nov. 21): Problems getting honest answers will lead to indecision. Back away and let things settle down a bit before you address concerns. Reconnect with someone from your past to help you put your current situation in perspective. ★★

SAGITTARIUS (Nov. 22-Dec. 21): Discuss health, financial and legal matters. Settlements and negotiations will turn in your favor. Make personal changes based on facts, not what others tell you. Discipline will pay off when it comes to money matters and personal growth. ★★★★★

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CAPRICORN (Dec. 22-Jan. 19): Be open to suggestions, but don't give in to someone's bad idea just because you feel sorry for them. Choose what you believe is best for you, and don't look back. Use your past experiences to make wise choices now. ★★★★★

AQUARIUS (Jan. 20-Feb. 18): If you feel left out, start doing things that will entice others to join in and participate. Promote what you are doing and throw in an incentive that will keep your friends and family coming back for more. ★★★

PISCES (Feb. 19-March 20): Uncertainty will leave you feeling confused. Take a closer look at what everyone else is doing before you decide what your next move or decision will be. Don't let your emotions spoil your ability to be productive. ★★★

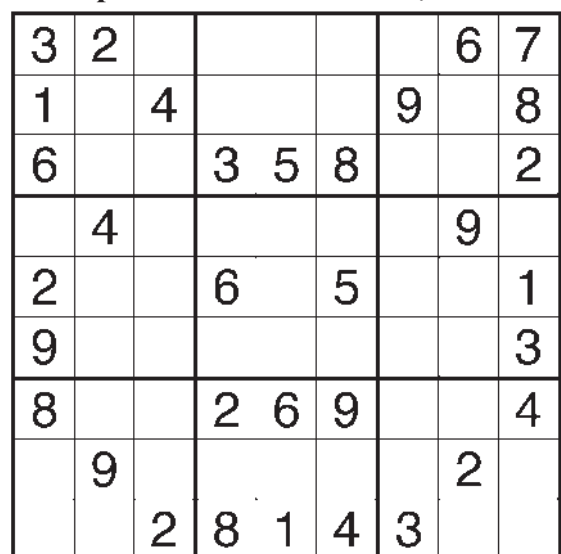
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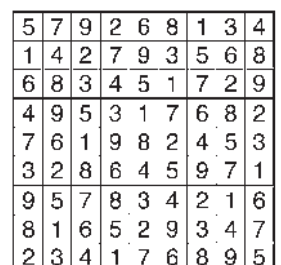
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Russia's participation in Rio uncertain after doping report

TORONTO (AP)—A scathing report outlining a state-sanctioned doping system in Russia prompted immediate calls for the nation's entire team to be sidelined from the Summer Games, raising the possibility that the Olympics could go on without a sports superpower for the first time since the 1980s.

The investigation released Monday confirmed a scheme run out of the anti-doping lab in Moscow that ensnared 28 summer and winter sports, from track to snowboarding to table tennis. It lasted at least four years and involved at least 312 positive tests that went unreported at the behest of higher-ups in the country's sports ministry.

"A mind-blowing level of corruption within both Russian sport and government," said Travis Tygart, the CEO of the U.S. Anti-Doping Agency.

The World Anti-Doping Agency swiftly called for the International Olympic Committee to consider a full ban of the Russian team from the Summer Olympics, which start Aug. 5 in Rio de Janeiro. IOC president Thomas Bach said the committee wouldn't hesitate to apply the toughest sanctions available.

The IOC executive board will meet Tuesday to begin sorting through options.

It's no sure thing the Russians will receive a blanket ban. It's a decision filled with political ramifications that involve a key Olympic country. It puts the IOC in the position of ruling against against one of its biggest supporters, a nation that spent more than \$50 billion hosting the Winter Games in Sochi just two years ago. Not since the back-to-back boycotts by the United States in 1980, then the Soviet Union in 1984, have the Olympics been contested without one of its biggest players.

Bach has frequently spoken about the fine line between "collective responsibility and individual justice." And for every anti-doping agency and athlete group calling for a full ban, there's seemingly another sports organization or leader urging restraint.

"The right to participate at the games cannot be stolen from an athlete, who has duly qualified and has not been found guilty of doping," said Bruno Grandi, president of gymnastics' international federation. "Blanket bans have never been and will never be just."

Gymnastics was not among the sports listed in the report. Wrestling, meanwhile, accounted for 28 of the 312 unreported positives. The head of that international federa-



In this July 27, 2012 file photo, Russia's Maria Sharapova carries the flag during the Opening Ceremony at the 2012 Summer Olympics in London. On Monday, July 18, 2016 a report on Russian doping by investigator Richard McLaren is to be released in Toronto.

tion, Nenad Lalovic of Serbia, told The Associated Press "we will absolutely follow the decisions of the IOC."

But in making decisions about Russia's team as a whole, the IOC could put onus on the international sports federations to determine the penalties.

In the ongoing case involving Russia's track team, it was that sport's federation, the IAAF, that ultimately banned the team from the Olympics. But 68 Russian track-and-field athletes are appealing this week to the Court of Arbitration for Sport to compete in Rio, with a decision due Thursday. In a move that accentuates how complicated the matter can become, the IOC has said there is no contingency for a large group of Russians competing under a neutral flag—that Russians should compete for the Russian team if they're allowed in.

Monday's report, commissioned by WADA and written by arbitrator Richard McLaren, said allegations made by Moscow's former anti-doping lab director about sample switching at the Sochi Olympics went much as described in a New York Times story in May. That program involved dark-of-night bottle tampering in order to switch dirty samples with clean ones; it prevented Russian athletes, including more than a dozen medal winners, from testing positive.

But McLaren said the bottle tampering in Sochi was a one-shot deal. Meanwhile, he described tactics he labeled "disappearing positive methodology" that began in 2011, shortly after Russia's disappointing performance at the

Vancouver Olympics. It included the 2013 track world championships in Moscow and was in place as recently as the 2015 swimming world championships in Kazan—when everyone in Russian sports knew they were under the doping microscope.

Russia's deputy minister of sports, Yuri Nagornykh, who was also part of Russia's Olympic Committee, would direct workers at the Moscow lab of which positive samples to send through to be reported to WADA and which to hold back. Assisting the plan was Russia's national security service—the FSB, the cur-

rent version of the Soviet Union's KGB.

"The Moscow laboratory was effectively caught up in the jaws of a vice," the report said. "It was a key player in the successful operation of a state imposed and rigorously controlled program, which was overall managed and dictated by the (Ministry of Sport)."

Yes, McLaren wrote, it could be made to seem as though workers at the laboratory were acting alone. But his investigation undercut that theory.

"The Moscow Laboratory personnel acted as they did because, as (one) witness expressed, if they did not, they

would no longer be employed there," he concluded.

On Monday, Russian President Vladimir Putin said officials named as directly responsible in the doping scheme would be suspended. He asked for more information from WADA so Russia could conduct its own investigation.

McLaren said out of 577 positive sample screenings he had access to, 312 positive results were held back - or labeled "Save" by the lab workers. More than 250 of the 312 "Saves" came from track and field and weightlifting, but other sports involved included swimming, rowing, snowboarding—even table tennis.

McLaren suggested the

numbers could have been higher, but he had only 57 days for his investigation.

Time is crucial because the Olympics begin Aug. 5, and decisions about Russia's participation in Rio must be made.

WADA president Craig Reedy, who is also an IOC member, said WADA is working to establish guidelines that will help the IOC and international sports federations identify exceptions to a potential Russian ban—notably, athletes who trained in other countries that had robust, clean anti-doping systems. Those athletes, WADA said, should be allowed to compete in Rio under a neutral flag.

McLaren said he was "unwaveringly confident" in his report, and insisted there was no leak, as several sports leaders suggested over the weekend, when draft letters calling for Russia's ban were leaked to the media.

One of the letters' co-signers was Paul Melia, who heads Canada's anti-doping organization and was in Toronto for McLaren's presentation.

"I'm shocked and devastated by what's been going on," Melia said. "And I can only imagine how betrayed the clean athletes of the world are feeling today in the face of this evidence."

US basketball team opens camp in Las Vegas with new faces

LAS VEGAS (AP)—Coach Mike Krzyzewski got his first glimpse at the new-look U.S. national team, as the team opened camp at UNLV with just two players back from the 2012 national team that won the gold medal in London.

Carmelo Anthony returns for his fourth run at the Olympics, after winning a bronze medal in 2004 and gold medals in 2008 and 2012, while Kevin Durant is looking for a second gold medal after playing on the championship team in 2012.

And though there are 10 new faces on the team that will represent the U.S. in the Olympics, several were a part of the 2014 FIBA world championship team, and know what is expected of them. Making things easier, as it was for the 2008 Beijing

Olympics, the 12-man roster has been set since June, giving Krzyzewski and his staff ample time to devise rotations and focus on the players they knew were coming.

"It's the angst you go through in that week of determining from 16 to 12, (it) takes away from your preparation," Krzyzewski said. "We have had none of that. That's a huge advantage, and also for these guys, you got 12 guys (who) have been completely focused on being on this team. It's really a good advantage."

Krzyzewski said he was pleased with Anthony taking charge the first day, being a vocal leader for what he believes could be one of the best defensive teams he's ever coached since becoming

taking over in 2005. He also credited Durant, Kyrie Irving and DeMarcus Cousins for stepping up as leaders on the opening day of camp.

"It's a new group of guys (so) I get a chance to go out there and kind of be a leader to the team and kind of enjoy it," Anthony said. "For me, it's about going over there and having fun, getting that feeling back, getting that fun feeling back and try to get a gold medal."

As he's done in year's past, Krzyzewski met with the team and staff privately Sunday night, showing players video clips from previous years and delivering a motivational speech about what it means to represent the United States. With the recent unrest involving civil-

ians and police officers, the message came across even stronger for this team.

"Whenever you get a chance to sit in that meeting and see and understand what we're doing is bigger than us, as basketball players, it gives you chills and puts everything in perspective," DeMar DeRozan said. "It makes your job easier to go out there and do what you love to do and represent your country."

And as the national team takes on its new look, ushering in a new era, the 69-year-old Krzyzewski is making his final run with the Olympic team. Under his watch, Krzyzewski has led the U.S. to two gold medals at the 2008 and 2012 Olympics as well as the 2007 FIBA Americas Tournament and the 2010 and 2014 world championships.



Cubs snap 8-game losing skid against Mets



CHICAGO
(AP)—Anthony Rizzo

hit a three-run homer, Jon Lester pitched 7 2/3 innings and the Chicago Cubs stopped an eight-game losing streak against the New York Mets with a 5-1 victory on Monday night in a rematch of last year's NL Championship Series.

With one out and two on in the third inning, Rizzo fouled off five straight 2-2 pitches from Steven Matz before driving a changeup deep into the right-center bleachers for his 22nd homer.

Lester (10-4) allowed one run—Wilmer Flores' leadoff homer in the seventh -- and four hits in his first win in a month. Matz (7-6) was charged with four runs and eight hits in five-plus innings, dropping to 0-5 in his last nine starts.

"We were able to get some quick outs with some well-located fastballs and some well-located cutters," Lester said, "so that was huge for us tonight."

Hector Rondon replaced Carl Edwards Jr. with two runners on in the ninth and got Travis d'Arnaud to bounce into a game-ending double play for his 16th save.

Matz was charged with four runs and eight hits in five-plus innings. The rookie left-hander dropped to 0-5 in his last nine starts.

"Even though I thought he threw the ball fine, he didn't have his real Grade-A stuff," manager Terry Collins said. "But he battled the best he could."

Matz nearly had another run on his line, but left fielder Yoenis Cespedes cut down Willson Contreras with a perfect throw to the plate when the rookie tried to score from second on Szczur's third-inning single.

Marlins 3, Phillies 2

In Philadelphia, Jose Fernandez tied a career-high with 14 strikeouts, and Martin Prado hit a solo homer off Brett Oberholtzer (2-2) in the 11th.

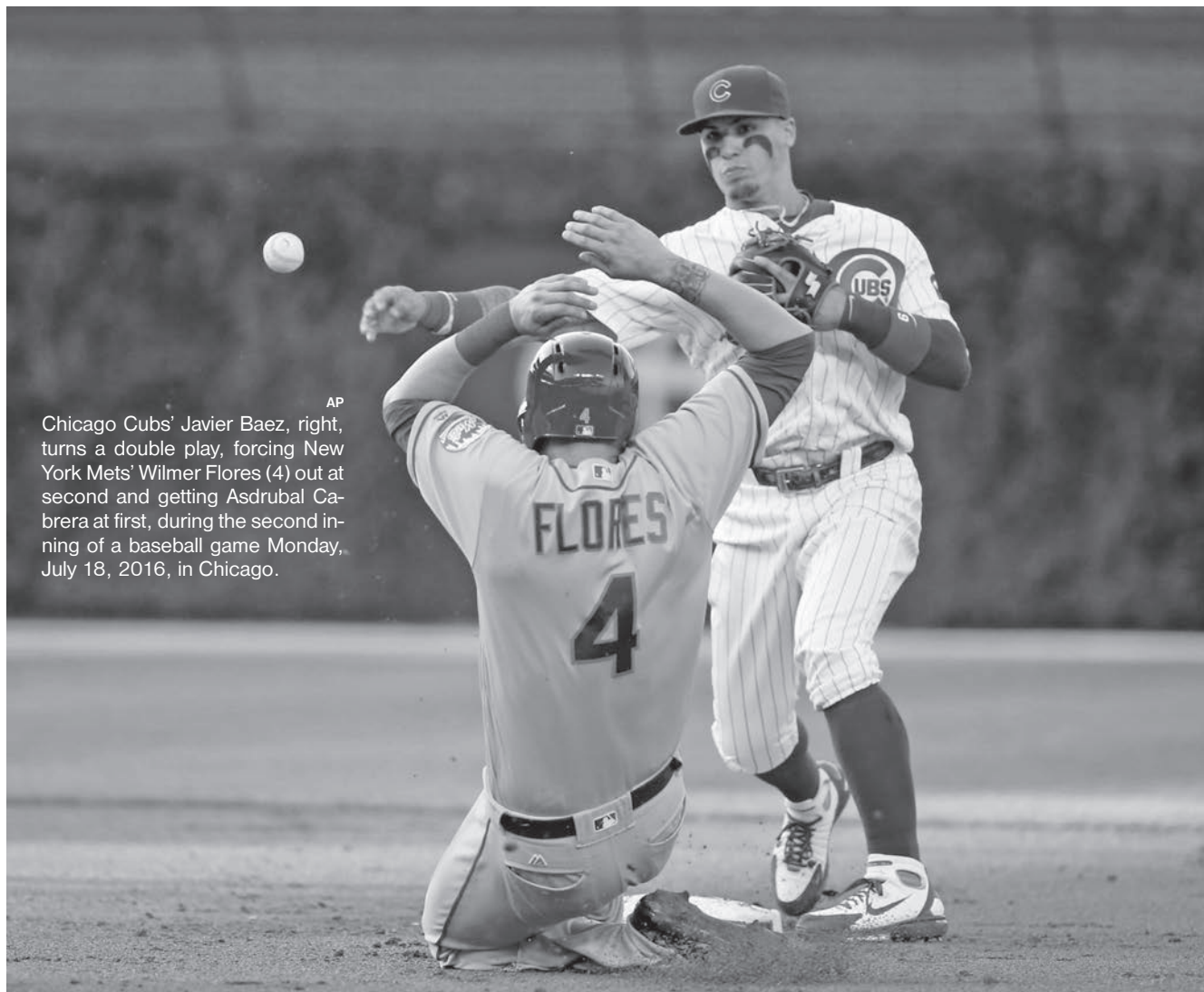
Fernandez pitched 6 1/3 innings and became the pitcher to reach 500 strikeouts in the fewest innings: 400.

Christian Yelich hit an RBI double off Jeanmar Gomez with two outs in the ninth and scored on Marcell Ozuna's single.

Kyle Barraclough (6-2) pitched one inning, and A.J. Ramos finished for his 30th save, retiring Maikel Franco on a game-ending flyout to the warning track.

Tigers 1, Twins 0

In Detroit, Matt Boyd (1-2) allowed three hits in six innings, sending last-place Minnesota to another loss just hours after



AP
Chicago Cubs' Javier Baez, right, turns a double play, forcing New York Mets' Wilmer Flores (4) out at second and getting Asdrubal Cabrera at first, during the second inning of a baseball game Monday, July 18, 2016, in Chicago.

it announced the firing of general manager Terry Ryan.

Justin Upton homered in the second. Three relievers finished for the Tigers, with Francisco Rodriguez pitching a hitless ninth for his 26th save.

Yankees 2, Orioles 1

In New York, Alex Rodriguez hit his 696th career homer -- his first since June 18 -- Ivan Nova (7-5) grinded through six innings and Aroldis Chapman hit 105 mph while locking down his 19th save.

The No Runs DMC triad, possibly in its final days with Andrew Miller and Chapman rumored to be on the trade block, covered the final three innings to extend its scoreless streak to 22 innings. The Yankees are 18-1 when all Dellin Betances and the other two relievers pitch in the same game.

Kevin Gausman (1-7) also allowed Brian McCann's sacrifice fly in the third and fell to 0-1 in three starts against New York this season despite a 1.31 ERA over 20 2/3 innings.

Reds 8, Braves 2

In Cincinnati, Zack Cozart, Joey Votto and Eugenio Suarez all homered in the fourth inning of a matchup between the NL's two worst teams.

The Reds (35-58) have taken three of five this season against the Braves, who have the majors' worst record (32-61). Atlanta is 19-31 at Great American Ball Park, including five losses in its last six games.

Matt Wisler (4-9) has given up five homers in his last

two starts.

Brandon Finnegan (5-7) allowed two runs and seven hits in five-plus innings.

Cardinals 10, Padres 2

In St. Louis, Mike Leake (7-7) had his second straight double-digit strikeouts game with no walks, joining Bob Gibson (1968-69) as the only St. Louis pitchers to accomplish the feat, according to the Elias Sports Bureau. Leake struck out a season-best 11, allowing one run and six hits in six innings.

Pinch-hitter Matt Adams' two-run double keyed a four-run sixth. Randal Grichuk and Jedd Gyorko connecting in consecutive at-bats in the seventh, and Stephen Piscotty homered into the third deck in left in the eighth.

Christian Friedrich (4-6) gave up four runs -- three earned -- and six hits in 5 1/3 innings.

Royals 7, Indians 3

In Kansas City, Jarrod Dyson hit a grand slam off Jeff Manish following a pair of walks by Bryan Shaw (1-4), capping a seven-run rally in the eighth.

Corey Kluber scattered five hits and took the mound to begin the eighth with a 2-0 lead. But manager Terry Francona and trainer James Quinlan came from the dugout and pulled Kluber because of a right calf cramp on a night with a 90-degree gametime temperature.

Luke Hochevar (2-2) worked a scoreless eighth, and Wade Davis got the final out for his 20th save.

Athletics 7, Astros 4

In Oakland, Yonder Alonso drove in three runs with a pair of two-out hits to back Kendall Graveman's fifth consecutive win, and the Athletics beat the Astros.

Khristian Davis hit his fourth home run in three games,

Marcus Semien had two hits and scored twice while Ryon Healy added an RBI double for the A's.

Oakland has won three of four since the All-Star break.

Graveman (6-6) allowed three runs over seven innings to earn his second straight win over Houston. Dyan Dull retired three batters and Ryan Madson pitched the ninth for his 20th save.

Starter Mike Fiers (6-4) allowed six runs over 3 2/3 innings to remain winless in five career starts against Oakland.

Mariners 4, White Sox 3

In Seattle, Adam Lind hit a three-run pinch-hit homer in the ninth inning to give the Mariners an improbable comeback victory over the White Sox, handing Chicago its fifth consecutive loss and wasting a dominant performance by Chris Sale.

Seattle, which had managed

just one hit in eight innings off Sale, rallied against closer David Robertson (0-2), who had recorded 13 straight save opportunities.

Sale, bidding to become the first 15-game winner in the majors, allowed just a first-inning single en route to eight scoreless innings.

David Rollins (1-0) pitched the ninth inning for the win.

Angels 9, Rangers 5

In Anaheim, Mike Trout hit a three-run homer to help the Angels rally from four runs down and beat the Rangers.

With the score tied 5-5 in the seventh, Jeff Bandy was hit by a pitch from Keone Kela (1-1) to start the bottom of the inning and moved to third on Simmons' double. One out later, Calhoun hit a fielder's choice to second, driving in Bandy with the go-ahead run, and Trout followed with his homer over the left-field fence.

J.C. Ramirez (2-3) pitched 1 2/3 innings for the win, and Cam Bedrosian got the last three outs.

Rockies 7, Rays 4

In Denver, Tampa Bay had five chances to bring in the tying run from third late in the game.

Four strikeouts and a ground out later and the Rays were on their way to a loss to the Colorado Rockies, extending their road skid to 11 in a row.

"We've got to find a way to get those guys in," Tampa Bay manager Kevin Cash said. "The guys know that. They're doing everything they could to get the big hit, the big fly ball, it just didn't happen."

Tampa Bay's 11th straight road loss is the third-longest streak in team history. The club record is 13 in a row in 2002.

Drew Smyly (2-11) had another rough outing, surrendering five runs in five innings to remain winless over his last 10 starts.

"I didn't pitch very well today," Smyly said. "I got behind a lot of hitters. It's hard to pitch when you're behind in the count."

Ronaldo, Messi on UEFA award shortlist, edging Will Grigg

NYON, Switzerland—Cristiano Ronaldo and Lionel Messi are on the 10-player shortlist to be named UEFA Best Player in Europe for last season. Fan favorite Will Grigg missed out but got as many points as Paul Pogba.

Ronaldo is joined by Pepe, his teammate on European champion teams Portugal and Real Madrid, on the shortlist voted by media from each of UEFA's 55 member federation countries.

The 10 candidates had the biggest points totals in a first-round poll of voters who each picked five players.

Grigg, the Northern Ireland forward who became a cult hero at the European Championship without even playing, finished in joint 25th position. He tallied the same points as Pogba and Giorgio Chiellini.

The 10 candidates also include Madrid's Gareth Bale

and Toni Kroos, who both reached the Euro 2016 semi-finals with Wales and Germany, respectively.

A second round of voting will decide the three finalists named on Aug. 5.

The winner will be chosen in a final vote to be announced on Aug. 25 during the Champions League group-stage draw in Monaco. Best Player in Europe Can-

didates: Gareth Bale (Wales, Real Madrid), Gianluigi Buffon (Italy, Juventus), Antoine Griezmann (France, Atletico Madrid), Toni Kroos (Germany, Real Madrid), Lionel Messi (Argentina, Barcelona), Thomas Mueller (Germany, Bayern Munich), Manuel Neuer (Germany, Bayern Munich), Pepe (Portugal, Real Madrid), Cristiano Ronaldo (Portugal, Real Madrid), Luis Suarez (Uruguay, Barcelona).



Pacifica Insurance sponsors \$10K hole-in-one prize at TOC



Add \$10,000 more to the already impressive list of prizes that can be won at the 21st Annual Governor's Tournament of Champions.

The cash prize is sponsored by Pacific Insurance Underwriters

"The Tournament of Champions has been instrumental in raising funds for beautification projects throughout the island. These projects have enhanced the CNMI's reputation as a prime destination," said Shirley Sablan, executive vice president and general manager of Pacifica Insurance. "We are delighted to be part of the tournament and wish all the players good luck! I also encourage other companies in

the community to continue to make a difference in contributing to worthy nonprofit activities like the Tournament of Champions."

"The Tournament of Champions has been a great success for the past 21 years, thanks to the generosity of companies like Pacifica Insurance," said Ben Babauta, tournament director. "We definitely 'rest assured' knowing that companies like Pacifica are committed to helping the community."

The TOC will be played at the Laolao Bay Golf and Resort's east and west courses on Aug. 6 and 7. The tournament fee is \$200.00.

First place winners in the men's Championship, A, B, C, Senior and Super Senior Flights will each receive \$500



Members of the planning committee for the 21st Annual Governor's Tournament of Champions pose with Pacifica Insurance representatives after the company donated \$10,000 hole-in-one prize for the tournament. The Tournament of Champions will be held on Aug. 6 and 7 at the Laolao Bay Golf and Resort.

cash, while \$400, \$300, a Go-Pro Hero Camera, and \$100 DFS gift certificate will go to the second to fifth finishers. The Ladies Low Gross champion will receive \$500, \$400 will go to the second placer, and \$300 to the third. The Top

3 winners in the Ladies Low Net will receive trophies.

There will be hundreds of thousands worth of raffle prizes in the two-day tournament, including one year free golf from Laolao Bay Golf and Resort.

Since its inception, TOC has given over \$700,000 to the Saipan Beautification Fund, which has gone directly to improvements like the tree-lined traffic medians that stretch from Garapan to the former Palm Resort Saipan, as well as the revitalization of the Garapan special district.

In addition, TOC also contributed funds for the Paseo de Marianas, the lighting of the Saipan Beach Pathway, and the beautification of the Port to Park pathway.

For more information about sponsorship opportunities for the TOC, contact Babauta at 483-2563 or Marida Pensader at 236-2530 or Nicole Babauta at 235-2553. For player information and to download the registration form, visit www.tocSaipan.com. (PR)

Best Sunshine International takes part in Mau Fatuul Classic



Best Sunshine International's Corporate Social Responsibility team collaborated with Napu Outrigger Canoe Club and SUP Saipan to make this year's Mau Fatuul Classic a success.

Rep. Ramon Tebuteb, who was present throughout the event last weekend at the Chamolinian Utt, gave insights on why they are holding the Mau Fatuul Classic every year. "The reason we have this is to continue to facilitate the canoe culture. As you know, in the Pacific, canoeing is a very fundamental aspect of our lives. Canoes are us," explained Tebuteb.

Mau Pailug was a traditional navigator from the tiny island of Satawal and he taught the Polynesians about the lost traditional navigation skills. In 1976, he went to Hawaii and helped the Polynesians on their voyage to Tahiti using only the natural elements and skills.

BSI-CSR representative Dania Mettao, one of the main coordinators of the event, explained that Best Sunshine's involvement in last weekend's competition was a result of their success in coordinating the Timmy Would Go race.

"It's in honor of Mau Pailug, master navigator. His sons are here and I know they wanted to do this event after they saw how Timmy Would Go happen. They saw it was big and the organization had a good partnership with SUP Saipan and Napu, so they called us again to organize it," Mettao said.

BSI-CSR provided water and fruits for the competing teams, built tents to ensure everyone who watched the races and participated had some place to stay cool, and funded the awards banquet held last Sunday. The group also made the trophies for the event winners from scratch. They were created from a tree that fell



BSI CSR executive director Rita Chong, third left, assists her staff in carrying a canoe following one of the races in last weekend's 16th Mau Fatuul Classic in the waters off Chamolinian Utt.

during Typhoon Soudelor and the CSR team used the wood-burning method to bring the design back to life.

However, the most vital role BSI-CSR played in the event was their facilitation of the races. They provided manpower on land and out in the water to ensure the races ran fairly and smoothly and that the appropriate times were recorded.

SUP Saipan president Ponce Rasa, the main organizer of the event, praised BSI-CSR for their efficiency up until the very end of the event.

"The CSR1 team has exceeded all expectations. Everyone went above and beyond to make the event run smoothly," Rasa said. "I'm blown away by how smoothly everything went. CSR1 paid attention to all the itty bitty and key, intricate details. I can honestly tell you that the privilege of working with them is ours."

Tebuteb also recognized the efficiency of the BSI-CSR staff. "The impact that they have in our community is so large that other people may



BSI employees are on standby to assist paddlers as they get on their boards.



BSI-CSR staff members pose alongside Napu Outrigger Canoe Club's Jason Tarkong, SUP Saipan's Ponce Rasa, and other sponsors and organizers of the 16th Mau Fatuul Classic.

not see it. For example, the CSR employees facilitating the race in the water, they set the bar for the coordination of this race and future races to come to an upper scale."

Napu coach Jason Tarkong applauded Best Sunshine's CSR team for their coordination and assistance throughout the entire event. Tarkong thanked BSI during the ban-

quet and mentioned that this event would not have been possible without them. He asked everyone present at the awards banquet to give BSI-CSR a round of applause.

The teams that competed in multiple races throughout the event were Marianas Outrigger Canoe Club, Saipan Paddling Club, Marianas Pacific Paddlers, and Ho Lokahi. (PR)

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bowed (unanimous decision) to Japan's Daisuke Hoshino in Real 5: Real Fight Championship in Tokyo.

Preceding the lightweight title bout between Wusstig and Iakopo is the encounter of Spike 22 Guam's Ricky Camp and Korean Top Team's Won Jun Jang for the bantamweight championship.

Camp holds a 6-4 record coming into next month's event, winning three of his last four fights. However, his recent bout resulted in a loss to Riley Dutro during their bantamweight duel in PXC 50 held last Dec. 4, 2015. Dutro won via submission (triangle choke) at the 2:15 mark of Round 1.

Before falling to Dutro, Camp prevailed against Jarome Cruz in PXC 50, Emilio Urrutia in Pro Fighting 19, and versus Trech Tech's very own

Vince Masga in ROP 16: Unleashed two years ago.

Meanwhile, next month's ROP 20 will also feature the early return to the octagon cage of Frank "The Crank" Camacho, who dropped his recent fight in PXC 54, losing to Korean Han Seul Kim in the first round (TKO). Interestingly, Camacho's next foe is also a Korean—Won Jun Jang.

With his loss to Kim, Camacho fell to an 18-4 record. Jang, on the other hand, has a perfect 4-0 slate, with three of his wins via decisions. His lone TKO victory was recorded late last year against compatriot Jung Yoon-Jeon in Top FC 9: Battle of Incheon, as he stopped (punches) his foe with just three minutes left in the first round.

Before the Camacho-Jang duel, ROP 20 will have three kickboxing bouts and nine other MMA fights, which are subject to changes.

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of .457, way ahead of the Falcons' .200, as the former only hit 7-for-35.

The Falcons struggled offensively despite a good start. They scored three early runs at the bottom of the first after posting two earned runs and one off a stolen base. However, that was the last and only time the Falcons had the lead, as the Aces countered with a four-run top of the second to grab the upper hand and never relinquished it.

Luis and Juan Iguel each had RBI single in the second, while John Tudela reached off a balk and the former also made it home off the Falcons' error at left field. The Aces added three more runs in the third and fourth—all of them came from the Falcons' defen-

sive lapses—while the latter got one run each in the third and fifth to stay in the game.

However, the Aces, after being shut down in the fifth, came out with three runs apiece in the sixth and seventh to widen the gap, which they maintained as it was their turn to silence the Falcons in the last four innings.

Pitcher Mike Iguel, who started for the Aces, had three strikeouts in his stint on the mound in the sixth and seventh and allowed no hits, while walking only one. Tudela relieved Mike and yielded only one hit, while striking out one batter. With Tudela pitching for the Aces in the final two innings and his teammates backing him up on defense, the Falcons were done in the eighth after only four batters and had a 1-2-3 inning in the last.

16th Mau Fatuul Classic

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Napu Outrigger Canoe Club members steer their boat back to shore after completing the co-ed 500m race in the 16th Mau Fatuul Classic last Saturday in the waters off Chamolinian Utt.



Hoe Lokahi coach Ed Johnson, right, talks to his paddlers before the race.



Saipan Paddling Club members switch their paddles to the left.



SUP Saipan's Ponce Rasa, center, and a Napu Outrigger Canoe Club member exchange high-fives.



Napu Outrigger Canoe Club, right, and Hoe Lokahi make their turn past the finish line for the third lap of the 1,000m race.



Hoe Lokahi and Saipan Paddling Club members move their boats out of the shore.



Female paddlers head out to the course during the 1,000m preliminary race.



Napu Outrigger Canoe Club and Saipan Paddling Club members show sportsmanship after their race.



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Aces bring down Falcons

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The Aces finally played after a long break and showed little signs of rust in their 13-5 victory over the Falcons in the 2016 Saipan Baseball League last Monday night at the Francisco "Tan Ko" Palacios Ballfield.

The Best Sunshine International-sponsored Aces were supposed to play their first game last Thursday against the unbeaten Chalan Kanoa Bears after SBL action was suspended to give way to the Inaugural Micronesian Baseball Classic, but the match was rained-out. Only one of the five games slated last week was played with Titanium winning the Blue Jays, 12-2.

The Aces went on to duplicate Titanium's easy victory after hitting their target. The Aces started with a 1-2-3 inning at the top of the first, but



ROSELYN MONROYO
A BSI Aces player catches the ball during a warm-up drill before their game against the Falcons in the 2016 Saipan Baseball League last Monday night at the Francisco "Tan Ko" Palacios Ballfield.

got into the grove in the ensuing plays to get their ninth win in 12 games. The Falcons dropped to a 7-5 mark.

Darion Jones paced the Aces with his three RBIs. He went

3-for-5 at the plate and scored two runs. Juan Iguel was only 2-for-5, but contributed three runs, while his brother Luis also added three runs off a 3-for-4 performance at bat.

Ben Jones, Lamar Iguel, Luis tallied one RBI each.

The Aces were 16-for-35 at the plate for a batting average

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2 title bouts, 13 other fights at ROP 20

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Two title fights and 13 other exciting kickboxing and MMA bouts will take place next month as Trench Tech



holds Rites of Passage 20: Conquer at The Warehouse.

One of the title bouts featured in the Aug. 19 event will be a Guam vs Saipan duel with Trench Tech's Stanley "The Raging Bull" Iakopo making

his MMA comeback and challenging Spike 22's Rob "The Real Deal" Wusstig for the lightweight belt.

Iakopo, according to sherdog.com (A site that tracks MMA fighters' records), has only one MMA bout before taking a long break from the octagon cage. Incidentally, the Samoan-born, but Saipan resident fighter last saw action in a Rites of Passage event (ROP



ROSELYN B. MONROYO
Guam's Rick "2Slick" Camp, left, holds down Trench Tech's Vince "The Clinch" Masga during their match in Rites of Passage 16 held in 2014. Camp is returning to Saipan this year, as he sees action in one of the two title bouts in ROP 20: Conquer.

4: The Uproar) and won over Arnold Balbin via rear-naked choke just 49 seconds into first round of their three-round bout last Feb. 16, 2008.

Wusstig, on the other hand, so far has 15 fights, winning five of them—two were off knockouts. He dropped five of his last six assignments and his lone victory came in ROP 19: Seek and Destroy held in April this year. The Guam fighter scored a TKO win (elbows) against fellow Guam bet Ryan Toves at the 1:37 mark of Round 2. Wusstig will climb into the eight sides and face Iakopo nearly two months after he

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Sapong races in World U20 tourney today

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The CNMI's Zarinae Sapong is among the 54 runners competing in the qualifying races for the 100m event in the 2016 IAAF World U20 Championships today at the Zawisza Stadium in Bydgoszcz, Poland.

The 18-year-old runner is on Heat 4, Lane 3 of the preliminary races, which will start at 12:35pm (past 8pm on Saipan). Sapong's heat is scheduled for 12:56pm. The Commonwealth bet will run against South Africa's Thomas Tamzin, Poland's Ewa Swoboda, Nigeria's Mercy Ntia-Obong, the Philippines' Kayla Richardson, Canada's Shyvonne Roxborough, Israel's Diana Vaisman, and Australia's Samanta Geddes.

Swoboda has the fastest qualifying time on Heat 4 with her 11.18 seconds, while Sapong's personal best is 13.35 seconds.

Overall, American runner Candice Hill owns the best time in the field at 10.98 seconds. She is on Heat 2, Lane 8, competing against Ukraine's Yana Kachur, Czech Republic's Veronika Palickova, Bahamas' Davine Parker, New Zealand's Lucy Sheat, Jamaica's Patrice Moody, Angola's Liliana Neto, and Germany's Chantat Butzek.

In other heats, the favored runners are Trinidad and Tobago's Khalifa St. Fort (11.16 seconds), Great Britain's Imani-Lara Lansiquot (11.25 seconds), Bahrain's Imana Isla Jassim (11.26 seconds), and Colombia's Evelyn Rivera (11.20 seconds).

The Top 3 finishers in each heat and the next six fastest times will qualify to the semifinals of the 100m run. The semis race will be held tomorrow.



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The CNMI's Zarinae Sapong will race in one of the six qualifying heats in the 100m event in the 2016 IAAF World U20 Championships today at the Zawisza Stadium in Bydgoszcz, Poland.